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Triple murder

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At the same time, Lebanese officials were expressing the deepest concern in private that the French might reduce their troop strength in Beirut, perhaps withdrawing their entire contingent within a few months.

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Reagan insists 'We stay in Beirut'

As the death toll from Sunday's bomb blasts in Beirut continues to mount, President Reagan yesterday stoutly defended his decision to keep American forces in Lebanon. "We have vital interests in Lebanon and our actions in Lebanon are in the cause of world peace," he said.

MPs' fears shared by Howe

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He said the attack on the US Marines headquarters which left 183 servicemen dead and scores wounded, was a "horrifying reminder of the type of enemy we face in many areas around the world today - vicious, cowardly and ruthless".

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Pressure for mortgage rate cut

Mortgage rates may fall within the next couple of months, possibly as early as December, because of the huge amounts of savings flooding into the building societies and pressure from Abbey National.

Nilsen admitted killing 15 men, court told

Dennis Nilsen, the civil servant and former probationary police constable charged with six murders and two attempted murders, told the police he had killed 15 or 16 men and tried to kill seven more, a Central Criminal Court jury heard yesterday.

Police close to finding dead woman's identity

The police officers leading the search for Mrs Diane Jones, the missing woman, said yesterday helping Suffolk detectives with their inquiry into the murder of a woman whose body was found near Ipswich.

'Freed' Richardson vanishes

Charles Richardson, the London gangland leader, was on the run last night after falling to return to prison from a weekend at home.



A grim President Mitterrand inspecting the carnage in Beirut

Russia prepares to deploy missiles

The Soviet Union announced yesterday that it had begun moves to station nuclear missiles in Eastern Europe and would go ahead if Nato deployed cruise and Pershing 2 in Western Europe in December.

A statement issued by the Soviet Defence Ministry said that in view of the fact that the United States was completing preparations for the deployment of cruise and Pershing 2, the Soviet Union was "compelled to adopt additional measures to ensure its own security and the security of its Warsaw Pact allies."

New target set for BR cuts

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Nilsen strangled, cut up and burnt men he met in pubs, jury told

Dennis Nilsen, a civil servant and former probationary policeman, told the police he had killed 15 or 16 people. It was alleged at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Mr Nilsen, aged 37, of Cranley Gardens, Muswell Hill, north London, who denies six murders and two attempted murders, was questioned after a plumber had found human remains in a blocked drain at his home Mr Allan Green, for the prosecution, said.

Mr Green said that the remains of three bodies were found at the house, and bones from at least eight bodies were discovered at a house in Melrose Avenue, Cricklewood, north-west London, where Mr Nilsen had lived.

Mr Nilsen also admitted attempting to kill another seven men, Mr Green said. But eight had not been identified.

Mr Green said that there was no doubt that Mr Nilsen had killed all the men he was alleged to have murdered, but the defence would raise the question of diminished responsibility.

Mr Nilsen's killings and attempted killings had followed a pattern—each victim was a man whom he had met that day, usually in a public house, who had no fixed address and whose disappearance would not lead to any inquiries. Some were homosexuals and some prostitutes.

"They went back to his flat where they would drink and in almost all cases he would try to strangle them," Mr Green said.

Mr Nilsen was arrested last February after he had called the landlord's agents about the smell from the drains, Mr Green said. Det Chief Insp Peter Jay confirmed him after the remains had been analysed and said: "I've come about your drains."

Mr Green added that Mr Nilsen had joined the Army in 1961 and had served for 11 years. "Some of the service was in the catering corps, where he learnt certain butchering skills which he put to use in some of the killings."

In 1972, he became a probationary police constable in the Wellness area for almost eight months. He resigned and became a security officer with the Manpower Services Commission in 1974.

Mr Green said that in November, 1975, Mr Nilsen had moved into 195 Melrose Avenue. Various young men

shared his flat until the summer of 1978 when he began to live there alone.

The first victim was a young unidentified Irishman in December, 1978, Mr Green said.

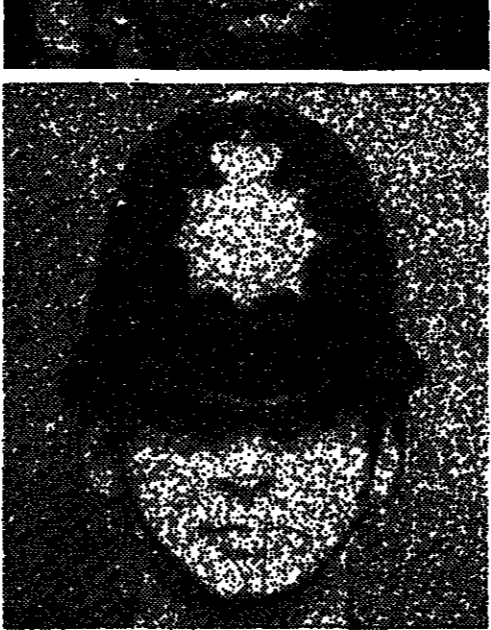
When Mr Nilsen woke the next morning he found him lying dead on a bed. "I came to the conclusion that I had killed him," he allegedly told the police.

Asked how the man had died, Mr Nilsen was said to have replied: "My tie was round his neck. I think I started off with about 15 ties. I have only got one left, a clip-on."

He hid the body under floorboards, but later burnt it in the garden.

The next to die was Kenneth Ockenden, aged 23, a Canadian. Mr Nilsen strangled him with the cord of a set of headphones in December, 1979, because Mr Ockenden had become engaged in some music, Mr Green said.

He later dissected the body and that of his third victim, Martin Duffey, aged 16, who had been doing a catering course. He was killed in May, 1980. The remains were burnt in the garden with a tyre to disguise the smell, it was said.



Dennis Nilsen as a probationary policeman (below), and in London last March (right) and Mr Allan Green, counsel for the prosecution (top).

Daily Mail readers second time unlucky

By David Hewson

Readers of the *Daily Mail* besieged the newspapers offices and telephone lines for the second time in two years yesterday in the mistaken belief that they had struck gold in the paper's latest attempt to boost its circulation through a bingo-style competition.

Yesterday's *Daily Mail* carried details of a new competition which, the newspaper announced, "is going to make it so much easier to transform your lifestyle to millionaire level".

But for those who batted their way through the jammed switchboard or pressed the newspapers harassed commissionaires there was usually a different story. After failing to persuade *Daily Mail* executives to talk about the competition, I stood in line with a group of readers pressing their claims, only to be told by a commissionaire: "I'm sorry, there's been a mistake. You haven't won anything."

The commissionaire blamed ambiguous wording of the rules and added: "According to the women upstairs we'll be changing them tomorrow."

The instructions for the main part of the contest covered half of the centre spread of yesterday's *Daily Mail*, while the rest invited readers to imagine what they would do with the £1m top prize.

Details of two subsidiary competitions made up the next page. One was a roulette-style game which led to the newspapers first brush with its readers in February last year. About 8,000 claimed a £35,000 first prize only to be told that they would all be entered for a draw for one sum of £35,000.

Daily Mail executives refused to disclose their response to the latest circulation war rumpus, but it may bring back Labour calls for some form of newspaper bingo code to be drawn up with the Office of Fair Trading.

Racehorse stud owner drops herpes action

A damages action brought by Merrion Meade, a racehorse breeder, against a leading firm of Newmarket veterinary surgeons over the death of three mares during an outbreak of equine herpes virus ended abruptly in the High Court yesterday.

Mrs Meade and Miss Breeffny Meade, her daughter, withdrew all their allegations of professional negligence against Day Crowhurst, Simpson, Greenwood and Ellis, the veterinary surgeons.

Mr Edward Cazalet, QC, for the Meades, told Mr Justice Fain: "I am happy to tell you that the parties have been able to resolve their differences."

The Meades, who run the Ballintober Stud at Carlton, near Newmarket, had claimed more than £100,000 damages for the death of three mares in 1979. The claim included related losses and the expense of caring for sick animals.

They alleged that the veterinary surgeons allowed a Ballintober mare to come into contact with an infected mare and foal at the surgery.

The veterinary surgeons denied negligence and contested the cause of death of two of the mares. They counter claimed for £1,161 in unpaid fees.

Hunt 'mole' accused over moving of foxes

By Hugh Clayton, Environmental Correspondent

The British Field Sports Society admitted yesterday that wild foxcubs dug from an earth near Birmingham had been taken more than 100 miles to the Humberside kennels of the Holderness hunt. The incident, disclosed in *The Times* yesterday, was filmed on behalf of the League Against Cruel Sports.

Christopher Wood, who then worked for the Holderness hunt, had a friend who worked as a terrierman near Birmingham. It added that the league "mole", who used the name Barry Coplestone, offered a vehicle for the journey.

The league denied suggesting the journey. Mr Richard Course, executive director, said that carrying wild cubs more than 100 miles in a box was against the animal welfare principles which guided his organization. "Anyone who works for me will have a proven record in animal welfare," Mr Course said.

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'Victim was drowned in the bath'

Mr Nilsen allegedly gave details of several other killings at Melrose Avenue after which he put the bodies under the floorboards before disposing of them.

Asked by the police how many bodies he had had under the floor at any one time, he allegedly replied: "I am not sure. I did not do a stock check or anything."

The fourth victim was William Sutherland, aged 25, from Edinburgh, who was described as a heavy drinker, Mr Green said. Mr Nilsen had said: "We had a great binge and I killed Billy Sutherland." Mr Nilsen allegedly said that his strength increased two or three times after he had been drinking.

The fifth, sixth, seventh, ninth and tenth victims had not been identified, Mr Green said. Mr Nilsen is alleged to have said of one of the strangled men: "I felt I was doing him a favour, I felt his life was one long struggle."

In November, 1980, he invited home Mr Douglas Stewart, then aged 26. He woke up to find his feet tied and

Mr Howlett was said to have struggled furiously as Mr Nilsen wound a loose upholstery strap around his neck. He ended up drowning in the bath, Mr Green said.

Mr Nilsen allegedly told the police: "I decided to dissect the body in the bath and flush the pieces of flesh and organs down the lavatory. This proved a slow process so I decided to boil some of it, including the head. I put all the large bones out with the rubbish."

The next two victims were Archibald Allen, aged 28, from Glasgow, and Mr Stephen Sinclair, aged 21, another Scotsman, Mr Green said.

Mr Nilsen has denied the following charges:

That on an unknown date he murdered Kenneth James Ockenden between May 16 and 19, 1979; that he murdered Brandon Duffey between July 1 and October 31, 1979; that he murdered William David Sutherland between September 2 and 20, 1979; that he murdered Malcolm Barlow between January 31 and March 1, 1980; that he murdered a victim between November 9 and 12, 1980; that he murdered a victim between November 22 and 25, 1980; that he murdered Paul Nobbs.

The hearing continues today.

Libel damages for Sean Connery

Sean Connery received a public apology yesterday over passages in a biography of him which he regarded as "inaccurate and defamatory in relation to his personal and professional life".

The High Court was told that he had also accepted "modest" damages in settlement of his libel action and would give the money to the Scottish International Educational Trust.

The author had sued the author, Kenneth Passingham, the publishers Sidgwick & Jackson, and Express Newspapers, which published extracts from the book in the *Sunday Express* last December.

His counsel, Mr Charles Gray, said he did not authorize the biography of play any part in its compilation.

He was particularly incensed by a paragraph which



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Doctor in £200,000 plot jailed

A Harley Street specialist and pioneer of kidney transplant techniques was jailed for three years yesterday for defrauding a Saudi Arabian health authority of an estimated £200,000.

Stanley Hardy, aged 62, an undischarged bankrupt, of Rampton Road, Tottenham, Cambridge, admitted conspiring with employees of the Saudi Health Office to obtain cash, securities and cheques by deception.

Southwark Crown Court was told how he invented bogus patients, allegedly referred to him by the Saudi Embassy, and then sent the bill to the embassy.

Car plea fails

An appeal by Vincent Hilaire, aged 24, the Crystal Palace football club winger, against a six-month driving ban imposed by Bexley magistrates in August was rejected by Judge Troup at Croydon Crown Court yesterday.

Kerb crawlers

Twelve men were bound over to be of good behaviour for a year by Nottingham magistrates yesterday after a vice squad drive against kerb crawlers in the Hylton Green red light district last month.

Royal pony shot

Concorde, a four-year-old filly polo pony belonging to the Queen, was shot yesterday after it bolted into the path of a car near Windsor Great Park and broke a leg.

Gaming machines curb

Cafes and premises used by children in Birmingham will be limited to two gaming machines in future, the city council's general purposes committee decided yesterday. The committee is worried about the increased number of applications to license large numbers of machines in cafes.

The city has 505 permits in force covering 1,513 machines, including 818 in 26 amusement centres which are not covered by the limit. There are 274 cafes with permits for 420 machines and 117 fish and chip shops with 155 machines.

Struck-off lawyer faces £150,000 bill

The solicitor who overcharged a client by £131,000 was struck off by a High Court judge yesterday and faces a bill of costs of £150,000.

"He has only himself to blame," Mr Justice Vinelott said when he ordered that Mr Lawrence Davies be removed from the roll of solicitors.

Mr Davies, aged 60 of Queen Victoria Road, Lisanelly, Dyfed, admitted gross and persistent misconduct in submitting a "grossly inflated" £198,000 bill to Mr Leslie Parsons, a Welsh businessman and inventor.

After two High Court hearings the bill was cut to £67,000. Then when the Law Society, the solicitors governing body, took an action against Mr Davies, Mr Parsons took steps under the Solicitors' Act, 1974, to have Mr Davies removed from the roll.

Mr Parsons, aged 69, of Green Trees, Lon Hir, Camar-

then, who runs a pickling factory, successfully won a Contingent action in 1975 over an on-ou-peeing machine he invented. He was awarded £530,000 damages, but Mr Davies, who acted for him, then submitted a bill for £105,000 which Mr Parsons considered too much. He asked for a detailed account, which came with a new bill for £198,000.

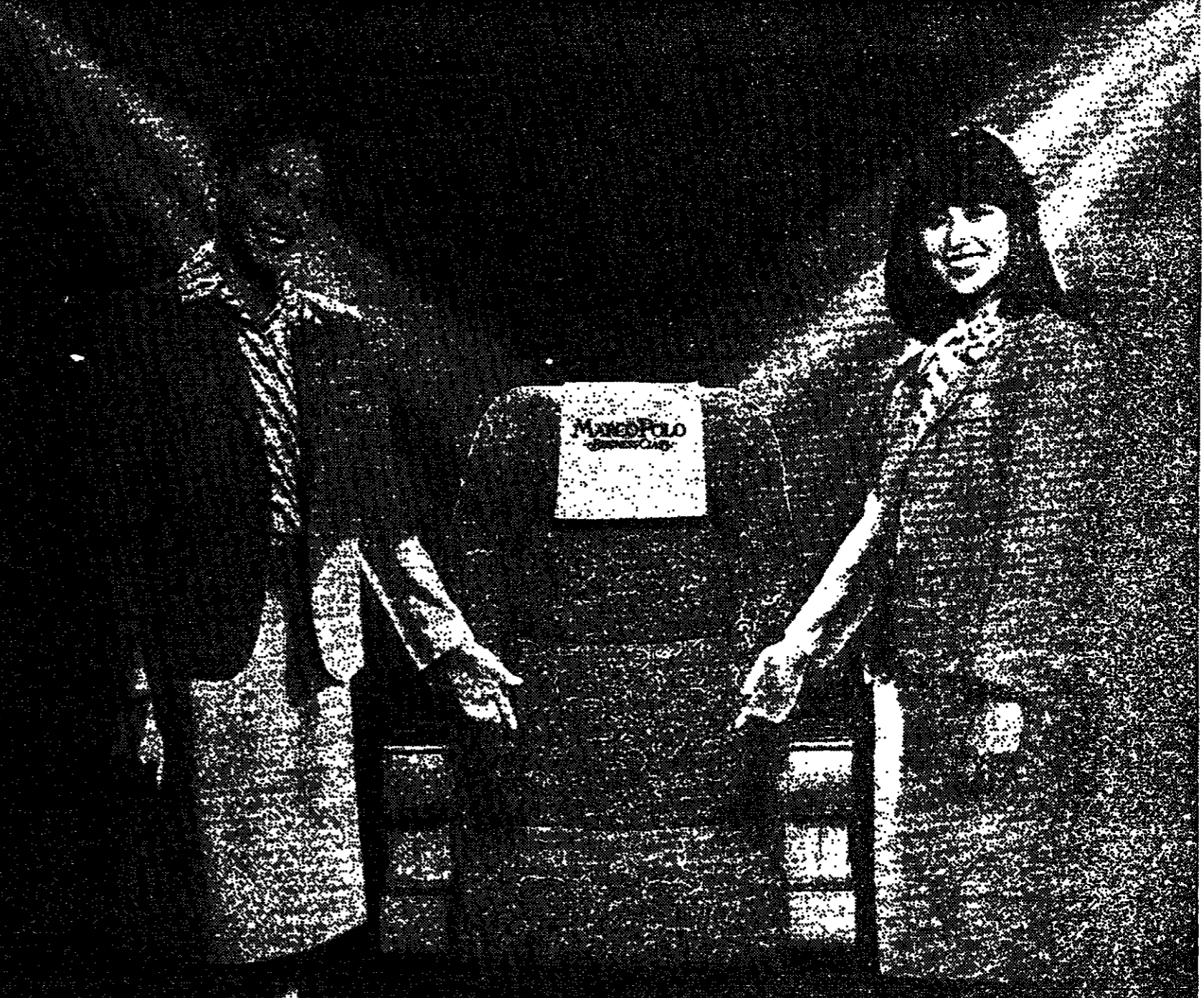
The figure for reading documents was reduced by more than £80,000 when it came to court. It had been grossly excessive, the judge said. The attendance bill contained wholly fictitious times and dates and was added up to inflated totals.

Mr Davies fell far short of his duty as a solicitor and had been unwise to take on a case far beyond his firm's resources. Mr Parsons was entitled to take the action he did, in bringing him to court, the judge said.

Mr Davies, a former member of the Council of the Law Society and a solicitor for 38 years, is at home, recovering from a heart-attack. He worked for a family firm W. Davies and Jenkins, Lisanelly, Dyfed by his father.

Mr Parsons was ordered to pay court costs for half a day's argument on whether the Law Society should be liable for any costs of the striking-off action. The judge had earlier ruled that they were not liable.

The Law Society said after the hearing that it was surprised to welcome an independent investigation by the lay over-seer and would cooperate fully with him in it. It would make no further statement until the lay over-seer had completed his investigation.



The class war is over.

For years, the world's airlines have been locked in a battle for the business traveller. And so, when Executive Travel magazine ran a comparative survey of the 'business class' facilities provided by thirty-seven long haul carriers, the results attracted great interest.

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Points were awarded for specially designated cabin space, superior handling, late boarding—in fact, all of the privileges and refinements which the Marco Polo business traveller enjoys, from Seoul to Osaka, Bangkok to Bahrain.

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Data Bill fears unfounded

Under the Data Protection Bill, if some cricket-loving schoolboy...

Clerk dies

Viscount Whitlaw, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Lords...

Report on Channel tunnel soon

The report by a group of British and French banks on private financing...

Complete list of Government as Parliament resumes

Table listing Government ministers and their portfolios. Includes Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, Home Office Secretary Robert Carr, etc.

Advertisement for Knees for Over 40s, containing a large handwritten-style number '4098001350'.

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Knesset looks to local polls for clues to its own future

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

Less than three weeks after taking office, the new Likud Government, led by Mr Yitzhak Shamir, will face an indirect test of its electorate's support today when 2.6 million Israelis are eligible to take part in municipal elections contested by the same parties which dominate the Knesset.

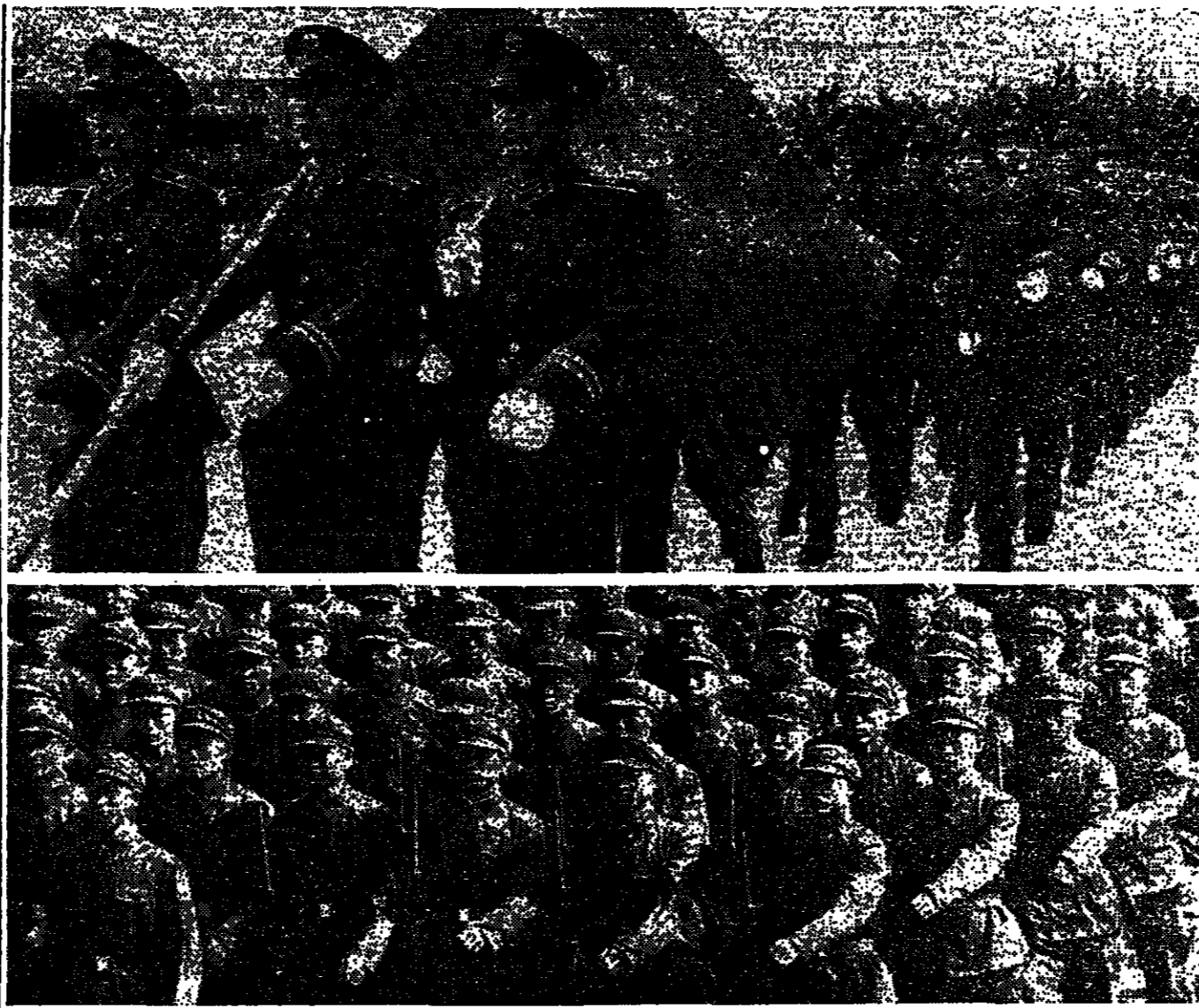
Although some of the candidates such as Mr Teddy Kollek, the ebullient Labour Mayor of Jerusalem, have an appeal which crosses party lines, the results are being eagerly awaited as a guide towards voting intentions in a general election which many expect to be brought forward from its scheduled date of 1985.

Voters will be casting their ballots both for specific mayoral candidates and for party lists. In the run up to voting, Labour has been improving its position in the opinion polls.

Because of the grave economic crisis, the party has been concentrating on the national aspect of the election to the country's 147 local authorities. Reserve General Mordechai Gur, the former Chief of Staff in charge of the Labour campaign, claimed that national issues were inseparable from the municipal poll.

After the recent exit from politics of Mr Menachem Begin and the chain of economic catastrophes, Likud managers are braced for a protest vote against the Government.

The last hours of canvassing yesterday were overshadowed by reports of a sharp drop in value of shares following the reopening of the crisis hit Tel Aviv stock exchange for the first time in more than a fortnight. Because of heavy selling, some



The changing face of China: Chinese infantrymen show off their new dress uniform (top), a complete contrast with the plain khaki of Mao's day (below). The short collar is almost the only stylistic feature to remain.

Mao Tse-tung's little red book falls from favour

Peking (Reuters) - China's Communist Party daily paper made no mention of the works of late Chairman Mao Tse-tung in a list of essential reading for all party members published yesterday.

"Organize party members to start studying these documents, and get on with it", the Central Working Com-

mittee for Party Rectification said in a decree published in the newspaper.

The party recently said it would purge ultra-leftwing and corrupt officials among its 40 million members. The move was seen by diplomats as the next step in consolidating the position of the present leadership around Mr Deng Xiaoping.

The disappearance of Mao's writings is a striking change from the heady days of the Cultural Revolution.

Eight documents listed as required reading include reports of Central Party meetings since Mr Deng took control, speeches by Mr Deng and party leader Mr Hu Yaobang, and the party and national constitutions.

Rebel raids fuel petrol crisis in Nicaragua

Managua (AP) - The Government is to curb petrol use, limit weekend activities and turn off the lights at midnight because of fuel shortages.

The Sandinista authorities also announced stiff penalties for violations of their air and maritime space, creating a 25-mile security zone off both Nicaragua's coasts. They also announced that they would evacuate 25,000 people from the city of Corinto if rebel attacks there continued.

The state radio said the rationing measures were taken "in view of the national emergency created by the imperialist aggression".

The Sandinistas have suffered a series of crippling attacks by US-backed rebels in the past two months which have hit fuel supplies.

The measures reduce petrol quotas to private car owners from 20 to 18 gallons a month and to taxi drivers from five gallons to one a day. Government agencies will receive 15 per cent less for official use.

The three newspapers in Managua - the official *Barricada*, the pro-Sandinista *Nuevo Diario* and the opposition *La Prensa* - will receive less newsprint and will not publish on Sunday.

Street lights will be switched off at midnight. The traditional six-day week will be reduced to five, with shifts increased from eight to 10 hours.

Commander Daniel Ortega, the junta coordinator, said an invasion by the Honduran or US Army was imminent and urged the country's 2.5 million residents to prepare to face it. Recent rebel attacks had closed Nicaragua's only oil unloading docks.

Commander Ortega said Corinto would be evacuated "if the imperialist aggression that places in danger the lives of the people persists".

Queensland Premier rules out coalition

From Tony Dubouin, Melbourne

Mr Joh Bjelke-Petersen, the victorious Queensland Premier, yesterday firmly ruled out any coalition with the rump of the Liberal Party.

The Liberals look like retaining only seven of the 20 seats they had before Saturday's election. The final results will not be known until the end of the week after preferences have been allocated.

After a Cabinet meeting in Brisbane yesterday, the Premier said that he believed his National Party Government would have 42 seats, an overall majority of one.

Mr Bjelke-Petersen has started talks on the composition of his 18-member ministry and plans to reopen the state Parliament towards the end of next month. So far this year it had sat for just over 14 days.

The Premier does not rule out the possibility that some Liberals might support him.

Mr Terry White, the Liberal Party leader, said yesterday that he would stand for the party leadership which is automatically declared vacant after an election.

The poor showing of the Liberals in Queensland is a blow for Mr Andrew Peacock, the federal Liberal leader, with a federal by-election on Saturday week for the seat of Moreton, formerly held by Sir James Killen, (Liberal) who has retired.

The Labour Party requires a swing of only about 1.8 per cent to win Moreton. However, the Liberals have a good candidate in Mr Don Cameron, who lost his seat in the March general election and who had held marginal seats for the party for 16 years.

The Liberals are hoping that because no National Party candidate is standing at Moreton the coalition opposition will present a united front.

Iran assault closes on Iraq town

Tehran (Reuters) - Iran said yesterday that its forces had launched the second phase of an offensive into Kurdish mountains on northern Iraq and were closing in on the Iraqi border town of Penjwin.

The national news agency IRNA said that Iranian troops, who began the new assault late on Sunday night, had captured Iraqi positions on the Kalu Heights north of Penjwin and two other areas of high ground. It said hundreds of Iraqis had been killed or wounded in the fighting.

● BAGHDAD: Iraq confirmed that Iranian troops had launched a fresh attack on the northern Gulf war front, five days after they mounted a cross-border offensive over the Kurdish mountains (Reuters reports).

Iraqi war communiques issued over the past few days said 5,000 Iranian troops had been killed in the offensive, while dozens of Iranian tanks as well as other equipment had been destroyed.

Spanish leaders join forces against ETA

From Harry Debelins, Madrid

Señor Felipe Gonzalez, the Prime Minister, and the opposition leader, Señor Manuel Fraga, agreed on bipartisan anti-terrorism measures here yesterday after one of the most recent Basque extremist attacks left a five-month-old child seriously wounded.

Their conversation took place at the prime's residence, Moncloa Palace, in the midst of growing political violence by the leftwing secessionist organization ETA (Basque Homeland and Liberty). The Prime Minister had received a message from

President Reagan shortly before, expressing his solidarity in the worldwide fight against terrorism.

Señor Fraga, whose conservative Popular Alliance has repeatedly called for emergency measures to stamp out the ETA, said after the meeting that he intended to cooperate with the Government in new anti-terrorism measures. He did not specify what had been agreed.

The injured baby is the daughter of a member of the paramilitary civil guard police. She was hit by flying debris on Sunday night when ETA blasted a civil guard barracks at Lecumberrri, near Pamplona, with three bazooka rounds and several bursts of machine-gun fire.

About one-and-a-half hours earlier, a bomb exploded at the San Sebastian naval headquarters, but there were no victims. The building had been evacuated after an anonymous telephone warning.



Señor González (left) and Señor Fraga: Allies against ETA.

Sahel herds eating like locusts, dying like flies

From Susan MacDonald, Dakar

The West African countries of the Sahel could be facing the worst drought since 1972 within the next few months, according to aid specialists working in the area.

The lateness and the sparseness of the summer rains, which usually last from July until October, have badly hit pasture lands and crops.

This situation is likely to become dramatic as cattle, sheep and goats move southwards in search of food. UN Food and Agriculture Organization experts working in Senegal estimate that the percentage of grassland available this year is less than a quarter of that of last year.

In 1972 grazing herds reached as far south as the Casamance region, below Gambia, "eating like locusts and dying like flies", as one aid worker said. This

situation could well be repeated this year.

Around Dakar the intermittent rains did not start until August and already the earth is becoming brown and parched.

The Senegalese Minister for Rural Development, Mr Amadou Bator Diop, estimates that there will be a 300,000 tonne deficit in crops.

● ABIDJAN: Unicef, the United Nations' Children's Fund is to increase its staff in Africa by a third from 1984 in an effort to combat rising child deaths (AFP reports).

Mr Richard Jolly, Unicef's deputy director-general, said that the increase would not entail extra spending because staff already employed at Unicef headquarters in Geneva, Copenhagen and New York would be sent to Africa.

French couple seized by Burmese rebels

From Neil Kelly, Bangkok

Karen rebels opposed to the Burmese Government have claimed responsibility for kidnapping a French married couple 100 miles east of Rangoon.

A spokesman for the Karen National Union said the couple were being held close to a combat zone near the Thai border. French diplomats have confirmed the kidnapping.

The couple were seized at Mying Galay where French technicians are working on a new cement plant largely financed by France. It is the third kidnapping in recent years of foreigners by anti-government rebels in Burma.

Ten years ago Shan rebels secured the release from prison of the notorious warlord Khun Sa in exchange for two Russian doctors they had kidnapped.

Concorde's booming business

From Arthur Reed, Delhi

British Airways has applied to the US aviation authorities for permission to extend its London-Washington Concorde super-sonic jet route to Miami. Mr Colin Marshall, the airline's chief executive, said here yesterday.

The aircraft will be able to fly at twice the speed of sound between the two American cities, producing the sonic boom, as most of the route will be over the Atlantic.

British Airways has taken its decision following record Concorde business, with most of the twice-daily flights between New York and London nearly full, and an operating profit on super-sonic services in the most recent financial year of around \$7m.

Mr Marshall, who is here to attend the annual meeting of the International Air Transport Association, said BA now proposed to keep its fleet of six

Concordes in service for a further 10 years at least.

Airline industry leaders here for the late meeting heard that their companies were losing as much as \$325m a year through ticketing frauds, according to a recent investigation by IATA security. To try to stop the practice the industry is to put the serial numbers of stolen tickets on to a computer programme so that airline staff can carry out checks before passengers board flights.

Most of the frauds involve tickets stolen from airline or travel agents offices and then filled in at face value of anything up to \$4,000 each. In a recent outbreak of burglaries at travel agencies in London more than 11,000 blank tickets were taken.

IATA security officers believe that organized crime is behind the thefts, and that much of the money "laundered" from the airlines is being used to support

gun-running and drug-traffic-ing.

Sir Adam Thomson chairman of British Caledonian said that the practice had reached such proportions that "it is not possible to turn a blind eye to it any more. Western governments should put pressure on offending countries and, as a final resort cut off their services."

Opening the meeting Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister said, in a veiled reference to the shooting down by the Soviet Union of the Korean airliner "the skies must be secure from brigandism. Innocent passengers should not be made victims of any type of political campaign."

Airlines at the meeting postponed until today a debate on the Korean affair after several Arab airlines insisted on incidents affecting their airliners should be included in a resolution deploring the Soviet action.

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The Beirut bombings: Reagan under pressure; Mitterrand's flying visit; Pope outraged

Three crucial decisions Washington must take over the next few days

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

Administration officials must take a number of crucial decisions over the next few days in response to the terrorist bombing of the US Marine headquarters in Beirut.



The briefing: President Reagan deciding on Middle East tactics with Mr George Shultz, Secretary of State, left, and Mr Robert McFarlane, National Security Adviser-designate, on a flight to Washington.

Iran says attack was well-deserved

Tehran (AFP) - Iran's Foreign Ministry yesterday denied any Iranian involvement in Sunday's bomb attacks on American and French military buildings in Beirut.

Hundreds of arrests in US nuclear protests

NEW YORK (AP) - Police arrested hundreds of anti-nuclear protesters who climbed a fence at Seneca army depot in New York State, tried to blockade the Savannah River nuclear fuel plant in South Carolina and demonstrated at the Honeywell electronics company's headquarters at Minneapolis.

France allows Irish to stay

Paris - Three Irish citizens, Michael Flanagan, Mary Reid and Stephen King, who were due to leave Paris after their request for political asylum had been turned down, have been granted a renewable extension to their temporary visas (Diana Geddes writes).

French parties close ranks despite doubts

Colombie (Reuter) - Fourteen members of the Tamil United Liberation Front, Sri Lanka's main minority party, lost their seats after boycotting elections for three months because they refused to drop demands for a separate Tamil state.

Airport offer

Hongkong (AP) - China has said it will allow a Taiwan commercial aircraft to make emergency landings at its new international airport at Xiamen, opposed by the nationalist-held island of Quemoy.

Appeals fail

Nairobi (AFP) - The High Court dismissed appeals against death sentences passed by courts martial on Sergeant Joseph Omboni and Corporal Charles Mirasi Odawa for their parts in the failed Air Force coup in August, 1972.

Bank charges

Seoul (Reuter) - Lee Hunsung, head of the Choheng Bank, and 24 other people were charged in connection with the illegal withdrawal of more than \$130m worth of bank funds in promissory notes.

Nkomo returns

Mr Joshua Nkomo, the Zimbabwe opposition leader, who spent five months in Britain in self-imposed exile earlier this year, has returned to London to finish his autobiography.

Shao-Shao dies



Shao-Shao, the nine-year-old female panda who last year gave birth to the first twin cubs conceived by artificial insemination outside China, has died of acute gastroenteritis at Madrid zoo.

Sudan justice

Khartoum (AFP) - A criminal was sentenced by a Khartoum court to have his right hand and left leg cut off after he confessed to breaking into a shop and stealing electrical appliances and cameras.

Stone breaker

Los Angeles (AP) - A West German device known as a Lithotripter, which destroys kidney stones with ultrasound waves, without drugs or surgery, has been approved for clinical tests in the United States.

Blacks banned

Pretoria (Reuter) - Pretoria City Council is to spend £78,000 on fencing to keep blacks out of 17 parks, and a further £42,000 on dividing three other parks into white and non-white sections.

Gift to St Lucia

Brussels (AP) - The EEC donated £125,000 to the Caribbean island of St Lucia for distribution to 3,500 victims.

Correction

The director of the national museums of Kenya is Mr Richard Leakey, not Philip Leakey as stated in a report from Nairobi on October 20.

Fatal gap in Marine security

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

When the suicide bomber crashed into the American military base here with a lorry carrying 2000 lb of TNT, one of the few American Marines to see the assassin was unable to fire his rifle because strict rules forbade the Marines from carrying loaded weapons inside their compound.

As it went by, he tried to pull out a magazine because they were not allowed to have one in our weapons. He tried to pull the bolt home. And by the time he got everything loaded, the bomb had exploded. He said all he could remember was that the man was smiling as he drove.

One Marine - a sergeant - does appear to have managed to fire five rounds of ammunition at the bomber as he drove through two barricades inside the compound and crashed into sandbagged emplacement beneath the headquarters building.

Yet the bombing of the American embassy last April was carried out in an almost identical manner. A man committed to his own death as well as to those in the embassy drove a truck loaded with explosives through a barrier and detonated the bomb at the very entrance of the building.

Moscow scents a new Vietnam as world leaders voice their dismay

New York (AP) - Many world leaders denounced the Beirut bombings. The Pope called the attacks an act of war and Israel's new Prime Minister said they were "a despicable crime".

The Vietnam story begins to repeat itself, Pravda commented. The USA is getting drawn deeper and deeper into the fighting in the Lebanese mountains while generals get more and more freedom of action.

The Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister, Prince Saud al-Faisal, who has tried to mediate in the Lebanese conflict, said: "We hope that bloodshed will not obliterate the optimistic picture that emanated from the recent ceasefire."

Walesa puts off Nobel decision

Mr Lech Walesa, leader of the banned Solidarity organization, held talks with the Polish Catholic Church hierarchy about whether to travel to Oslo to receive the Nobel Peace Prize early in December.

Lowest turnout since 1919 in Swiss poll

The Swiss general election has produced the lowest turnout - 45 per cent - since proportional representation was introduced in 1919.

Danes agree on tough budget cuts

A week of tortuous negotiations, led by Mr Poul Schlüter, the Conservative Prime Minister, produced an agreement with opposition parties yesterday on an austerity package of 7,850m kr (€550m) in budget cuts.

China promises Hongkong will keep trade role

Muscat (Reuter) - Mr Wu Xueqian, the Chinese Foreign Minister, said here that Peking would follow a special administrative policy in Hongkong after regaining sovereignty in 1997.

Thousands join protest in unlit Montevideo

On Uruguay's third national day of protest against the military Government, 80 per cent of Montevideo was without lights and thousands of people banged pots and pans to symbolize their rejection of the military regime.

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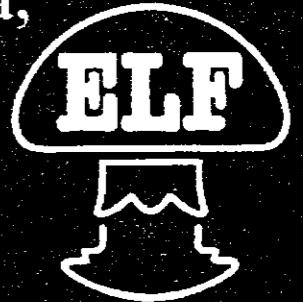
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The funds needed for the prototype unit cannot be provided by the National Health Service, so ELF is asking for your support. We need to raise £30,000,000 over a five year period. By directly meeting expenses for medical staff and facilities, ELF would be supporting the ailing NHS in a way that is probably unique for a charity.

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THE ARTS

Galleries

Dramatic events so subtly staged

Annabel Cullen/Suzanne Le Blanc
Paton

Emilio Tadini
Edward Totah

Glenn Sujo:
Impossible Meetings
Anne Berthoud

Giulio Ciniglia
Barbican Sculpture Court

Julian Hawkes
Juda Rowan

While the warranted big, important shows are usually on for a fair length of time, giving one every opportunity to plant a probably quite unnecessary bush outside the door to their good wine, so often the shows which really need a push and a pointer are off almost before the critic has had a proper chance to signal that they are on. That tends particularly to be the case with shows of living artists, especially the young and little-known: if you see it towards the middle of one week, and for some reason cannot fit it immediately in the next, you find yourself pathetically pointing out that it is on for only three or four days more and exhorting your readers, inconveniently, to rush and see it while it is still around. All the same, better late than never. So I hope you will bear with me, this week and next, if, in my attempts to keep you up to date with what is happening in London this busy autumn, I seem to be advising you to do the impossible.

For example, I think it would be well worth your while, should you find yourself in Covent Garden before the end of the week, to look in on two quite unpretentious shows right around the corner from each other, that devoted to two very new women artists, Annabel Cullen and Suzanne Le Blanc, at the Paton Gallery, 2

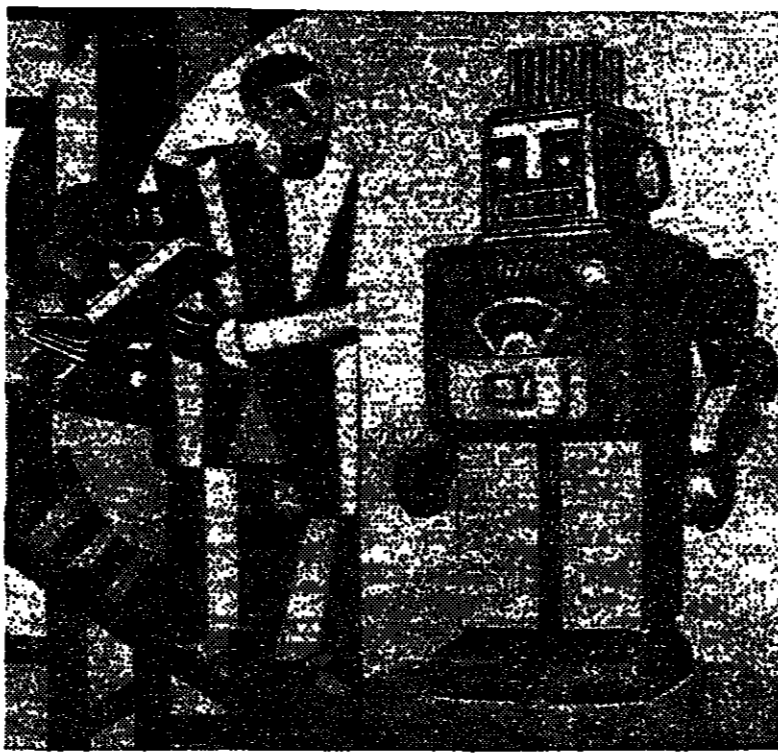
Langley Court, and that of the recent work of Emilio Tadini at the Edward Totah Gallery, 39 Floral Street. And, while you are about it, you would be conveniently placed to see Glenn Sujo's show *Impossible Meetings* at the Anne Berthoud Gallery, 1 Langley Court, which is actually on until November 12.

Annabel Cullen and Suzanne Le Blanc could hardly be more disparate. They both graduated this year, Cullen from the Royal College and Le Blanc from the Slade, and they were both included in this year's *Pick of the New Graduates* show at Christie's. But otherwise it is difficult to see anything in common between Cullen's large, confident, meticulously realistic (though not exactly photo-realistic) portraits and nudes, and Le Blanc's abstracted landscapes or landscape-based abstracts. Except, perhaps, a quality of thought.

This is something easy to feel and difficult to measure. But in Cullen's informal triptych downstairs, of herself and a man in various stages of dressing or undressing, along with the painting upstairs, evidently from the same period but this time identified as a *Self portrait*, you can feel an interest in psychological tensions, in setting up an obscure dramatic event, which takes us beyond the subtle and highly skilled observation of surfaces.

Le Blanc paints what are still just about recognizable landscapes, small in mixed media and then large in oils. At first glance one thinks maybe of Ivon Hitchens, but over and above Hitchens-like fluency with paint there is a clear intelligence teasing out the hidden structures of landscape, the value of what is observed as symbol of what cannot be observed. In particular the large painting *Bracken*, a blaze of gold dazzlingly superimposed on a tangle of dark, rich greens and undergrowth colours, is a winner, strongly suggesting that the painter may prove an important addition to a very persistent, very British school of responders to Nature (with, necessarily I think, a capital "N").

Quite coincidentally, there are certain superficial similarities between the works of Emilio Tadini and those of Glenn Sujo. Both of them, for instance, make telling play with elements of popular iconography, especially those which have perhaps been most widely influential



Scrupulously ill-matched: Glenn Sujo's *Jeune Homme et Odalisque (a Giorgione)*

during the last half-century, the creations of Walt Disney. Of the two painters, Sujo seems to be the more assured and also the more sophisticated and knowledgeable: the "impossible meetings" of his title are between unlikely characters but also between scrupulously ill-matched styles and epochs of twentieth-century art history.

In his previous show, at the ICA, he was frankly and directly autobiographical, providing the references to family portraits, political events of his youth and stories which had captured his imagination in a fascinating series of visual footnotes. Here the imagery is more accessible to everybody, since he is not the only person to have been brought up on Little Nemo and the Katzenjammer Kids, not to mention *Pinocchio*, and to have discovered Ingres, Léger and Lang's *Metropolis* at a slightly more advanced stage. Perhaps in the process of "going public" the images have lost a little of their mystery, but the works on paper especially pack quite a wallop of their own: one never feels, to Sujo's credit, that the energy of his work is stolen from his sources of reference, but always that he creates it for himself.

Tadini also offers drawings as well as paintings, all with puzzling and allusive titles. The difference between drawings and paintings is more one of finish than of size, since they are all on canvas and some of the drawings

are bigger than some of the paintings. On the whole, I think the drawings are better, more direct and more closely related to the traditional still-life, though not disdaining a certain amount of play with the illusionistic side of picture-making. The paintings show a strong sense of composition, binding together the heterogeneous elements of Tadini's imagery into effectively complex structures. On the other hand, the colour sense, so clear and subtle in the drawings, becomes oddly muddled in the finished acrylic compositions, and the texture of the paint itself is faintly disagreeable. That may, of course, be the intention: since I cannot make any sense at all of the painter's extensive statement on his work, I could not say for sure.

At least all the classical references in Tadini's writings do not loom too portentously in his work. Would that one could say the same for Giulio Ciniglia, a selection of whose sculptures makes up the first show to use the Sculpture Court of the Barbican Centre (until December 11). I get increasingly the feeling that one should always fear the worst when a sculptor (or his admirers) insists on his role of continuum and extending the classical tradition in the face of modern madness. It has been said by or on behalf of Ipousteguy, of Piazzotta and of many more. But, be it noted, though it is in fact quite true of Henry More, you would never

catch him saying it. These self-conscious evokers of classical craftsmanship and inspiration always seem to end up the same way: slippery surfaces flashily rendered, big themes writ small, and a disconcerting slide from sentiment to sentimentality.

Ciniglia's sculptures live up pretty well to all these qualifications. They have the slick surfaces and grandiosity of the sort of sculpture favoured by the Italian authorities in his youth (he was born in 1931), but something like the marble *Narciso* is given a modish twist by being flayed on one side, or a bronze like *Killerman* is updated with some minor displacement of features. In *Sogno di Bruto* the bits and pieces are even more disarranged, so that the whole thing looks like a very large version of one of those desk-puzzles for artistically inclined executives. The total effect of so much slickness is faintly nauseating, and, no, on this occasion I do not think that can possibly be the artist's intention.

The best way to get the taste of that out of one's mouth, I should say, is to run straight over to the Juda Rowan Gallery in Tottenham Mews, where until November 4 there is a show of recent work by a much less known and far superior sculptor, Julian Hawkes. He spent some years as assistant to Philip King, but except perhaps for a certain lightness of touch, one would never know it, since his own work is very different. He works with equal ease in stone, wood and metal, and specializes in free, organic-seeming forms which evoke all sorts of - extraneous associations, I was about to say, but it is the trick and the charm and the force of these pieces that you cannot finally dismiss anything as extraneous: no association, however remote it may seem from the indications of the titles (usually quite innocent-sounding), can be totally irrelevant.

Several of the pieces have obvious, watery connexions, and some of them are frankly but all ever so slightly, erotic. The delight is that you are kept guessing, and your imagination working overtime. No pretensions claims made, but it does not require much perception to see that, where the essentials are concerned, Hawkes's sculpture is like Sister Kate's shimmy: quite simply, he does it, and does it good.

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FASHION EDITOR'S COMMENT

Is London the leader of the pack?

The fashion collections unbuttoned over the last three weeks are supposed to have proved - especially to the Americans - that "London swings again".

It is fashionable to claim that our designers lead where others fear to tread; that styles that have become internationally accepted have been spawned in our own streets.

It is true that our eclectic, eccentric British street style is a fashion inspiration and that we export design talent. But there is an international standard by which all designers who put their collections on a catwalk must be judged.

By that immutable standard of aesthetic judgment, most of our London designer shows are uncreative, unexciting, and unworthy of overseas attention, except for a buyer looking for a collection of pretty clothes.

Nothing wrong with being a stylist

This fact is equally true of collections in Italy, Paris and New York, as well as the other centres where fashion trade fairs are held. The difference is that London designers use our so-called "creativity" as a duster coat to cover up bad make, sloppy details and poor accessorizing.

High fashion is 20 per cent creativity and 80 per cent execution. It is about standards of excellence and a consistent perception of how a woman should look. It is nothing at all to do with being backed by limitless resources (the dream and gripe of many London designers). Zandra Rhodes, who believes passionately in what she is doing and is a truly original fashion talent, put on a show that could stand alongside any international production.

Many so-called designers in Britain give themselves an importance and status far removed from their real role in the fashion world. "Designer collection" is used to describe a range of clothes made by any small company of which one key "name" is in control.

British street style is a phenomenon

In France, they make a distinction between a "stylist" and a "creator" - the latter being a creative designer who sets trends.

There is nothing wrong with being a "stylist". It is professionally more comfortable (and commercially more practical) to change the buttoning on a blazer than to challenge our accepted ideas.

But fashion editors are like theatre critics, who are happy to see either Shakespeare or Cinderella, but like the actors to know which production they are in.

The only fashion area in which Britain really scores is in making individual and original clothes on a one-man-band basis. This kind of skill is being demonstrated at the current Chelsea Crafts Fair and is seen in its finest fashion flowering in our hand-knits.

Our street style is another fashion phenomenon, and one which supplies a surge of ideas - mostly fun, sometimes seminal.

But London's fashion designers seem unable to absorb street style, to assimilate and interpret it.

Between the street and the designer elite in London there is a gulf wider than the Atlantic - and apparently more difficult to cross. Perhaps it is true, as an American expressed it to me in Paris, that the British prefer to wear their fashions than to sell them. Or, to put it another way, ideas are free, but high fashion requires a vast expenditure - of effort, energy and hard work.

The Knitwear Revolution by Suzy Menkes is published on Thursday by Bell & Hyman, £10.95



BOW JEST



Bows have tied a new knot in winter party fashion. The flat black bow in the witty accessory of the season, dressing up slick sharp clothes. They come from head to toe, on shoes, slides, and sparkly suspended earrings. Bow peep, sugar sweet bows decorate shoulders and hems like children's party frocks. Matt black bows are tied Chanel-style in sleek hair for a more sophisticated style. Whoever dreamt it up should take a bow.

Left: Neck Bow. For a red and black printed polyester blouse by Nipon, also black/taupe, £45 from Options, Austin Reed, Regent Street, W1 and branches; Tizzy, Malvern; L'Hirondelle, Camberley. Hair Bow. In black organza on slide, £9.99 from Schumi, 16 Port Street, SW1 and branches. Belt Bow. Black patent and suede belt by Otto Glanz, £25 from Selfridges. Red perspex earrings from Florad, 126 King's Road, SW3. Black silk skirt from Fenwick.

Right: Back Bow. On a black velvet cocktail dress by Bruce Oldfield, £200 to order from 41 Beauchamp Place, SW3. Ear Bow. Tied in pink ribbon on a crystal earring, £35. Wrist Bow. Crystal and jet necklace with black satin bow, £78. By Monty Don from Harvey Nichols; Liberty's; mail order catalogue from 40-43 Rheidol Terrace, Rheidol Mews, London, N1 (enclose s.a.e.). Gold plated and black velvet dining chair from £145, Bambu Collection at Harrods.

Hair by AYO for SCHUMI. Make-up by BONNIE for BOOTS NO. 7. Autumn colours from the Cool, Calm and Collected range. Photographs by RUSSELL WALKIN. Story by CHRISTINE PAINELL.



Waist bow. Royal blue silk sash on evening dress with shoulder bows, £180 from all branches of Monsoon. Hair bow. Royal blue plated satin bow on comb, £7.75 by Graham Smith at Kangol from Harrods hat department. Gift chair from Harrods.

Top right: Silver leather peep toe courts with silver and black asymmetric beaded bow, £180 by Andrea Pfister at Rayne, 57 Brompton Road, SW3; Harrods; Harvey Nichols. Lace tights from Fogal, 30 New Bond Street, W1.

Bottom right: Black suede court shoes with fuchsia satin bow and lacing at back, £145 from selected branches of Russell & Bromley. Sheer tights from Grable, 27 Conduit Street.



Hair Bow. On a comb in black organza, £8.50 by Graham Smith at Kangol from Harrods hat department. Shoulder bow. On an asymmetric purple/black wool crepe dress with bow at wrist by Monica Cheng, £130 from Simpson, Piccadilly, W1; Numbers, Welbeck Street, W1; The Clothes Shop, Weybridge; Jade, Kew Road, Surrey; Maldens, Chorley Park, Oxford; Rosy, Altrincham. Earrings by Adrien Mann.

Top left: Black shoes with red beaded bow, £92, also silver, from Rayne, 15 Old Bond Street, W1; Bottom left: Black suede sling-backs with open toe, also lamé, £110 from Manolo Blahnik, 49-51 Old Church Street, SW3.



Social life with the socialists

The social life of socialist France is booming.

On the hemline indicator of economic performance (down means depression) the Paris fashions should have caused a collapse on the Bourse. But while President Mitterrand's government tightened its economic belt and licked its local election wounds, the party machine was in full swing.

Paloma Picasso invited only 250 of her most intimate friends to the chic party she gave on Sunday at the Musée Jacquemart-André. What she spent on the candles (1,000 flares to greet the guests) she saved on her new perfume, which was the *raison d'être* of the party but nowhere in sight.

Next night, Dior took over Maxim's for the Battle of the Blondes. Svelte Parisian chanteuse Sylvie Vartan, dressed bullishly in Dior's scarlet matador's jacket and black trousers, spent the evening

staring frigidly at Ursula Andress's cleavage, decorated (also by Dior) in scarlet and black sequins.

Ms Andress won the first round by sitting next to Gérard Penneroux, the new ready-to-wear designer at Dior in whose honour the party was given. Sylvie Vartan retaliated by commanding Marc Bohan, Dior's couture designer, as her dinner date.

A brilliantly illuminated Chateau Maisons-Lafitte played host for Japanese designer Kenzo on Wednesday night. Just in case a dozen candelabras with dripping beeswax candles, a red carpeted entrance walk flanked with flares and the TV light were not enough to brighten our evening, Kenzo finished his show with a twenty minute display of fireworks. These were viewed through the steaming windows of his transparent tent (proving that people



Kenzo: fashion with fireworks

in glass houses should throw parties).

Inside the celebrated chateau, there were bushes of Japanese flowers (flown in from Tokyo), non stop videos (flown in from America), a fortune teller, a casino, a disco, a concert of classical music, three swiftly ravished buffets and many a magnum of champagne.

A rival attraction was staged by Italian photographer Toscani, whose helpmeet, dressed à la Fellini in a ring-mastier outfit of black tail coat, culled cult figures from the throng to be immortalized on camera. The chosen guests, including our own Steve Strange (in full make-up), our hat designer Stephen Jones (in a fez) and aristocratic model Ines de la Fressange (in Karl's new Chanel) rose to the photographic occasion by turning their appearances into an impromptu cabaret.

Also present at the little gathering, which went on until

5.00 am and closed the collections, were 2,800 intimate friends.

Yves Saint Laurent is the subject of Diana Vreeland's next exhibition at New York's Metropolitan Museum. Paris's favourite son is the perfect subject for the archivist because his line evolves so elegantly.

New to his collection were the familiar jersey chemises, this time gathered gently in at the hips above a short slim skirt. New were his mixes of colours for tunics and leather skirts, like lilac and lime yellow. New is the sleeveless dress, cut into a Y-shape from a wide shoulder line. New is the Norfolk back to the safari jacket, elongating the shape and updating the cut.

Africa was the beat that ran through the holiday and evening clothes, coming out in dark, rich prints and swags of beads, reminding us of the days when Saint Laurent searched distant lands for ethnic inspiration. His

sleeveless tops worn with full boule skirts in shot taffeta in fifties fluorescent colours were an echo of early days at Dior. And to remind us of the sensation he once caused with the see-through blouse, they appeared in transparent voile.

"I want to abolish the frontiers between couture and ready-to-wear and think of them all as creators", said culture Minister Jack Lang, when I talked to him at the weekend show.

Dressed in his familiar casual style in an open-necked shirt, sweater, cord trousers and anorak, Lang elaborated on his plans for the new costume museum at the Louvre, the details of which were announced at a more formal gathering to honour the celebrated Madame Gres.

"The idea of the fashion museum is not just to show off the richness and diversity of French fashion", he explained. "We have got more than 20,000 costumes, but we also want to emphasise the present by showing what is done now in textiles, form and style. It will also be a centre of research."

On the same theme, the Comité Colbert, set up to honour the memory of the first French man to define and elaborate gallic style and taste, has mounted an exhibition. Leading French companies, from perfumiers, to jewellers, to wine chateaux to silversmiths, display their wares, historic and modern, in an imaginative exhibition that underlines the French search for perfection in areas that other countries consider to be frivolities.

ANTI-FREEZE

The autumn season is drawn in shades of black and grey and that means that accessories are the spots of colour. Coming through the grey haze is a deep cobalt blue and the inevitable bright red, with other primary shades looking strong against the quiet palette.

THE HOOD is the new winter warmer, fitting snugly round the face and often growing out of the neck of a sweater or pulled down into a cowl. The hood in its own right is the balaclava (from Fenwick and Miss Selfridge) in the bright colours or quieter autumn harvest shades of grape and currant.

THE HAT of the season is the beret, set basque-style on a striped band or a leather trim to grip the crown. Kangol have come up with berets in colour (from major stores) but you cannot beat onion-seller navy blue. The beret replaces the military peaked cap, but the new wave have found the fez. Coloured cones from Stephen Jones, 34 Lexington Street, W1.

SCARVES are long and thin, designed to be wrapped twice round the neck or tied fifties-style as a headscarf/hood for extra warmth. Dogtooth checks in black and white look right, so do stripes and geometric squares. Doubly chic is the idea of wearing two scarves in clashing colours: purple with orange, red with fuchsia, turquoise and emerald.

MITTS or fingerless gloves are young fashion-conscious hand-wear. For more sophisticated looks there are long striped knitted gauntlets (from Fenwick's) or leather gloves with contrast cuffs, especially Nancy

Fisher's two-tone black and white (Joanna's Tent, Kings Road).

WRIST warmers, or ankle and tummy versions in bands of ribbed knitting, are a stylish way to beat the chill for those who like thermal heat to show. The wide knitted sweatbands for wrists come from C and A. The body version in fuchsia, cobalt blue and black from Whistles (St Christopher's Place and branches.)

BELTS have moved back to the waist this winter, wide at front and back, curved narrower at the sides and newest in shiny black patent.

LEGS are on view again through plain sheer tights or are dressed up in fancy hose decorated in black lace patterns or surfaces with shimmer and sheen (from Harrods hostery or specialist West End shops like Grable and Fogal.)

SHOES are set on slender waisted heels, relatively low, except for high evenings. The newest heels are thickening up and the smartest styles are printed like python.

MAKE-UP is the other way to give colour to the blacks and greys of Autumn fashion. The clean lines of current clothes are echoed in sharply defined make-up used on a plain background face. For the first time for many seasons, the lips are as important as the eyes, with warm reds used to mould the mouth and much stronger colours used for nail polish.

HAIR is sleek and graphic with the asymmetric ideas in clothes sometimes echoed in the basic cut. The small head seems to be the shape of the season, which is just as well if we are to hide our crowning glory under a balaclava hood.

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HOLDING THE LINE

Some decisions had to be taken quickly, such as the shifting of a new company of U.S. Marines from North Carolina to replace the one that was virtually wiped out in the explosion at Beirut airport on Sunday Morning.

But there are also strategic decisions to be taken, and those should not be governed by an immediate, inevitably emotional reaction to what has happened.

The immediate task is to hold the line. But while the military men are doing that, the political leaders have to define more clearly what the line is that is being held and to decide whether it is tenable militarily or politically.

back on. There is an urgent need to clarify objectives in Lebanon, and to reassess the means required to achieve them.

One suggestion currently canvassed is that the multinational force should be withdrawn and replaced by a United Nations force, whose impartiality - it is said - would be generally respected.

favour and not wishing it to be checked.

A UN peacekeeping operation can function only when both sides are willing to stabilize the front. It works by stationing lightly armed units between opposing forces so that clashes between them cannot occur by accident or, if they do, can be brought quickly under control.

The multinational force, and particularly its American component, has undertaken a role going far beyond that, making its own firepower (especially that of the supporting ships offshore) a crucial element in the military balance.

MUTUAL CONFIDENCE BUILDING

Today's meeting in Helsinki once again brings together representatives of the thirty-five states of East and West that signed the Helsinki Final Act in 1975.

Like the Helsinki agreement, the original impulse came from the Soviet Union but was then transmuted by negotiation into a diplomatic gain for the West.

The Soviet Union wanted a European disarmament conference on terms which would have detached it from the Helsinki agreement and made it little more than a platform for the more vacuous and declaratory of Soviet proposals.

hope that the Stockholm conference will get down to serious discussions on extending the confidence-building measures originally agreed at Helsinki in 1975.

There was also provision for voluntary notification of smaller manoeuvres and military movements and for inviting observers to manoeuvres of any size.

Either way the results are bound to be modest at this stage, especially as Soviet observance has been limited to the letter of the agreement, while Western and neutral states have gone beyond it.

at those there were complaints from Western observers about excessive restrictions and the issue of unusable binoculars.

However, none of this invalidated the attempt to extend confidence-building measures. The Helsinki measures were a tentative beginning.

Rather than containing or cutting costs, the aim should be to increase our expenditure on health by 1 per cent to 1.5 per cent of GNP to accommodate the rising expectations of our aging population.

Bias in teaching

From Dr Paul Hurst Sir, The problem of ideological bias in social-science based courses is a good deal more complex than the letter from Terence Miller (October 14) might suggest.

For example, in my own special field (education policy in developing countries) there are important controversies between the conventional "liberal" view that education promotes the social and economic development of all and the radical "Marxist" view that it tends to serve the interests of ruling elites.

As far as marking is concerned, it is usually possible to put aside one's own concurrence or lack of it with the views expressed by students from assessment of the technical merits of the arguments and evidence for their case.

Our system, which requires marking by at least one other internal examiner, plus scrutiny by an external examiner from another university, is enormously helpful in correcting possible bias and it is hard to believe that one could easily assemble a set of examiners who would agree on a consistent ideological line.

My point, Sir, is that one cannot teach a subject involving moral judgments without making them. The teacher's aim should be to explore ideological issues as widely as possible, state his own position,

and assess students' responses as neutrally as possible.

Yours faithfully, PAUL HURST, University of London Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, WC1, October 14.

Greenham Common

From the Chairman of Newbury District Council Sir, The media have given considerable publicity to the activities of the so-called Peace Women of Greenham Common since they set up their illegal encampment.

On the other hand the district council has been cast in a less favourable light as a leading agent in the persecution of these supposedly defenceless women.

Being shrewd, the ladies chose to defy the council, anticipating that this gesture would precipitate prosecutions and considerable attendant publicity.

the council for acting in the democratic interests of the majority of its ratepayers.

The council has properly been concerned only to seek an end to an act of illegal trespassing in contravention of the by-laws that apply to commons in this district, making no distinction between the Peace Women, other itinerants and despoilers of public open spaces.

Yours faithfully, E. G. GOLBY, Chairman, Newbury District Council, Council Offices, Market Street, Newbury, Berkshire, October 20.

'Sits vac' at FO

From Mr John Doyle Sir, As a Jesuit-educated former Commercial Secretary, I should like to comment on Mr C. R. Head's letter (October 15).

Mr Head, I think, misconceives the Commercial Secretary's function. The Commercial Secretary seeks to help the jet-lagged businessman cope with "the realities of commercial life" by reminding him of which country he is in, rescuing him from the airport at 2 o'clock in the morning when he has neglected to obtain an exit visa and/or income-tax clearance.

Cost no object in Farmer and tenant system in decline

From Professor J. Stewart Cameron Sir, Your leader (October 19) takes me to task for drawing attention to the 2,000 people dying unnecessarily in the United Kingdom each year from renal failure, on the grounds that this action lacks "concern for orderly medical administration".

The administrative response to these data has been in every other developed nation a provision for renal failure which makes treatment available to all those who need and can benefit from it.

Only after a decade of frustration, during which no expansion of services has taken place, has our anger finally exploded.

You suggest that the "queue" for treatment for renal failure is little different in kind from that for a prostate operation or hip replacement.

It is well known that the per capita gross national product on health than any other developed country and that the health service is already more cost-effective than any other system.

Finally, the action I have suggested draw attention to this tragedy is not illegal, despite statements to the contrary.

Yours faithfully, J. L. DEARNLEY, Guy's Hospital Medical School, Clinical Science Laboratories, Guy's Tower, St Thomas' Hospital, London Bridge, SE1, October 20.

Farmer and tenant system in decline

From Mr Henry Fell and others Sir, The agricultural landlord and tenant system which has, for the past 150 years and more, been considered to be an essential element in efficient farm and estate management, is in a serious state of decline.

The reasons, and there are many, are not hard to find, but they certainly include the results of much hasty and ill-conceived past legislation.

There is also now a rapid growth in farming arrangements - partnerships, contract or share farming - arrangements which often short-cut the process of tenant succession.

Landowners and tenants alike have waited a long time for this opportunity to restore practical logic to agricultural holdings legislation.

Yours faithfully, HENRY R. FELL, J. H. ANDERSON, WELLINGTON, PEART OF WORKINGTON, GERAINT HOWELLS, ROBERT MACLENNAN, NIGEL H. CLUTTON, C. R. FERENS, R. B. HITTLE, RICHARD STOREY, Worlaby House, Worlaby, Brigg, South Humberside.

False economy on housingkeeping

From Mr J. F. Q. Switzer Sir, The Chairman of the Housing Working Party of the Royal Town Planning Institute has drawn attention (October 20) to the deteriorating housing stock of this country and says that "a major crisis is looming as the houses constructed in the building boom of the 1880s and 1890s reach their hundredth anniversary."

That is not the end of the matter, however, because the quality of building in the present century has progressively declined; successive generations of houses will have shorter lives and will all therefore tend to expire together - we have had a forecast of this with the demolition of local authority flats only 20 years old because of bad design and poor materials in the 1960s.

Yours faithfully, HENRY R. FELL, J. H. ANDERSON, WELLINGTON, PEART OF WORKINGTON, GERAINT HOWELLS, ROBERT MACLENNAN, NIGEL H. CLUTTON, C. R. FERENS, R. B. HITTLE, RICHARD STOREY, Worlaby House, Worlaby, Brigg, South Humberside.

False economy on housingkeeping

The crisis is not limited to houses. The Times Educational Supplement on September 30 carried a detailed report on the deterioration of school buildings and significantly made the point that routine maintenance of older buildings was being neglected because a disproportionate amount of the limited budget had to go on correcting original design faults in post-war schools, particularly leaking flat roofs.

It has often been said that there are no votes in sewers. Equally a study of the economics of sewers does not attract much academic glory. As a nation we have been able to adopt these attitudes because our Victorian and Edwardian forebears built so solidly, both above and below the ground, that we have literally been able to live on capital.

Yours faithfully, J. F. Q. SWITZER, Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, October 21.

Nuclear industry policy

From Mr J. I. Dearnley Sir, If nuclear reactors are to be sold to countries presently without them, as Professor Fell suggests (October 11) we should hope that the obsolete British Magnox design will not be a contender.

Yours faithfully, J. I. DEARNLEY, Guy's Hospital Medical School, Clinical Science Laboratories, Guy's Tower, St Thomas' Hospital, London Bridge, SE1, October 20.

Nuclear industry policy

should actively back the export of Magnox reactors to Third World countries, because Magnox is the "safest and the best".

Yours faithfully, RENE CHUDLEIGH, WILLIAM CANNELL, Friends of the Earth, 371 City Road, EC1, October 12.

Gibraltar shipping

From the General Secretary of the National Union of Seamen Sir, Much of what Gibraltar's Minister for Economic Development and Trade writes (October 13) about the colony's small but growing merchant shipping fleet may be true, but it is not the whole truth.

Yours faithfully, JIM SLATER, General Secretary, National Union of Seamen, Maritime House, Old Town, Clapham, SW4, October 14.

Temple Bar

From Lady Sugden Sir, Temple Bar (letter, October 15) has been living in peaceful retirement for over 100 years, in a distant corner of the grounds of the eccentric and happily frequented mansion known as Theobalds, near Enfield.

Yours faithfully, MARIAN SUGDEN, Trinity Hall, Cambridge, October 17.

UK cheeses in France

From Mr Patrick Rance Sir, Mr Tatam's letter (October 15) deplored French ignorance about British cheese. This could apply to the world in general and much of the British Isles.

Yours faithfully, PATRICK RANCE, Jessamine Cottage, Sreatley, Reading, Berkshire, October 18.

UK cheeses in France

My guests are fed on real cheddar (the finest cheese in the world), our other great traditional, and a wonderful range of new British cheeses coming from small farms and dairies.

Yours faithfully, OSCAR S. KAMBONA, 70 Peronet House, Tabard Street, SE1.

The peacekeeper

From Sir Peter Blaker, MP for Blackpool South (Conservative) Sir, In his eagerness to berate Ieahn Kiprpatrick, Sir John Whitmore (October 21) has himself fallen victim to the perverse use of language he so deplores.

Yours faithfully, PETER BLAKER, (Vice-Chairman, Peace Through Nato), 30a St James's Square, SW1, October 21.

Nyerere's experiments

From Mr Oscar S. Kambona Sir, Lord Hatch's search for positive results in the rule of President Nyerere of Tanzania and his suggestion (October 10) that the be experiment be questioned.

Yours faithfully, OSCAR S. KAMBONA, 70 Peronet House, Tabard Street, SE1.

Nyerere's experiments

is unable to supply texts and materials to the present school system, let alone to 79 per cent of the population?

Yours faithfully, OSCAR S. KAMBONA, 70 Peronet House, Tabard Street, SE1.

Nyerere's experiments

In addition, the early independence Government consisted of a positive-minded and forward looking collective leadership which was not only able to guide the process constructively.

Yours faithfully, OSCAR S. KAMBONA, 70 Peronet House, Tabard Street, SE1.

This above all

From Mr J. Haworth Sir, The choir library register of Holy Trinity, Sloane Street, had an entry: "God is gone up" - top shelf, right.

Yours truly, J. HAWORTH, 2 Grosvenor Road, Chiswick, W4, October 18.

SPECTRUM

Poet, novelist, critic, journalist, broadcaster - Philip Oakes was not, however, born to sing the blues. His only attempt ended in failure, with the consolation that his successor in Mick Mulligan's Magnolia Jazz Band was one George Melly. In the second of three extracts from the forthcoming final volume of his autobiographical trilogy, he describes the passions, the pathos and the personalities of the London jazz scene as he knew and savoured it in 1951.

The good time gang

I lay on the floor of the bedroom in Chelsea and listened to George Melly snoring. It was six in the morning and no one else was awake. George had the best bed because it was George's room. Two other bodies were clasped together on the cot next to it.

know. The London Jazz Club had an anarchist bookstall where the best-selling pamphlet was Henry Miller's Murder the Murderer. I still owned the Olympia Press edition of Tropic of Cancer, the first dirty book I had encountered which could pass as literature. And we suffered Miller's polemics in the hope that somehow sex had been smuggled into his sermon.

The rest of us, curled on mattresses and huddled beneath overcoats, were there because it had been late when we left the London Jazz Club (the band had played a dozen choruses of "Get Out of Here" before the basement emptied) and later still when we straggled from the cafe opposite the Windmill Theatre. The last tube had long gone and there was a grille-like porcellis barring the entrance to Piccadilly Underground.

Earlier that year George had arrived from Liverpool wearing a tight blue suit, his face blotched with gentian violet. He had impetigo, he explained, but he thought the colour of the ointment quite flattering. He also suffered from a barber's rash which glowed hotly above the collar of his shirt. His hair had been cropped at the back so that a plume of oily bristles stood up from the crown of his head and his lips were wet, red and negroid.

We were disappointed. There was better value, said George, in The Lay of Maldoror, a prose poem by the Comte de Lautreamont. But although we listened respectfully while he recited his favourite passages, it was hard to share his enthusiasm.

George was an anarchist and a surrealist. He was also, he let it be known, a homosexual although he showed more than a passing interest in women. He had a job as the assistant curator of an art gallery where he gave readings from the works of Kurt Schwitters, ending each poem with the prescribed smashing of wine glasses.

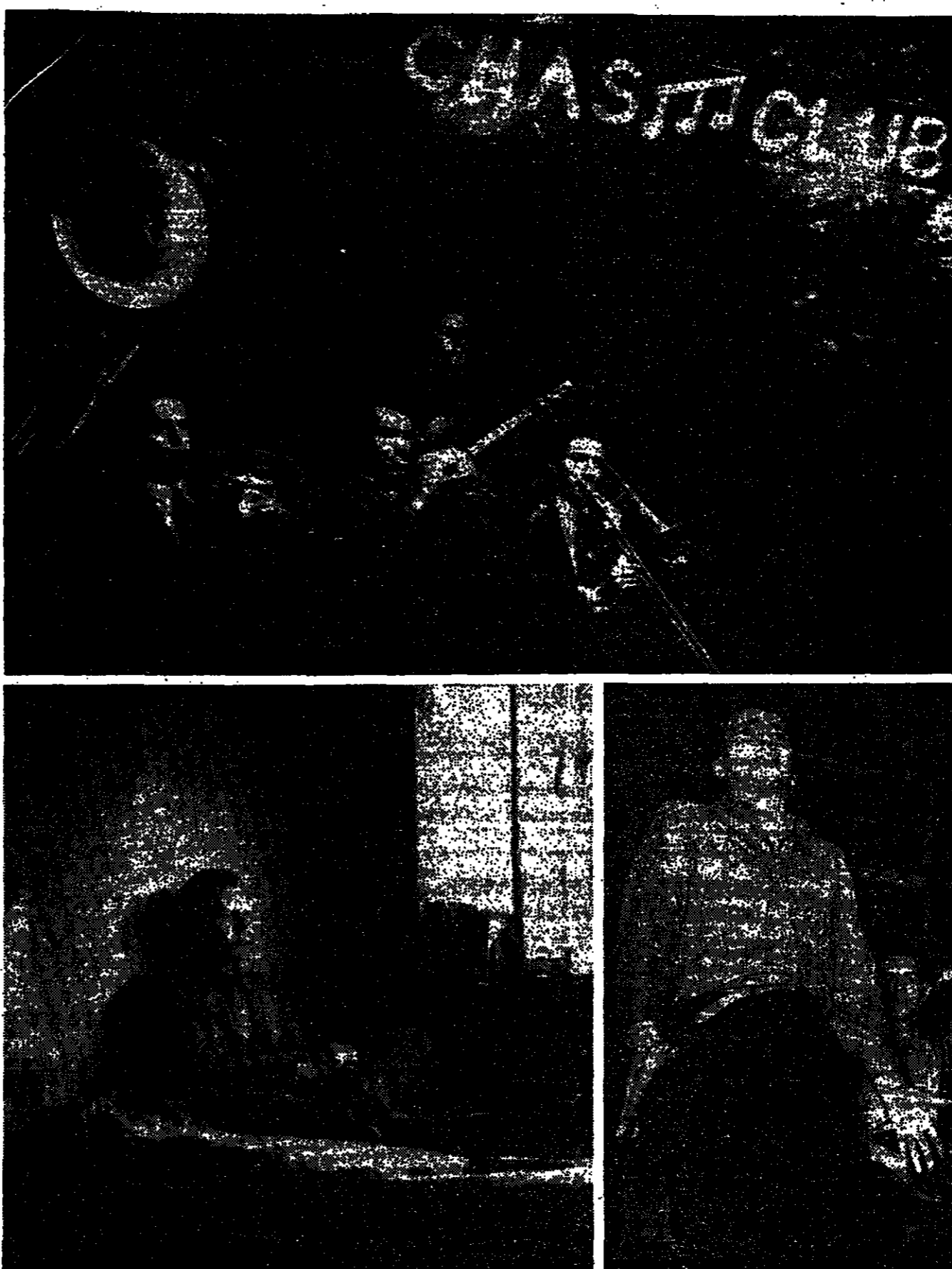
It was not entirely what Mick had expected. To him "art" was a word with sexual connotations. It meant horny painters, willing models and a generally licentious view of the world. Judged by these standards, Max Ernst did not come up to scratch. "Thanks very much, cock", he said as George showed him the plates which made up Histoire Naturelle, "but there's not much tit, is there?"

On two or three evenings a week he sang with Mick Mulligan's Magnolia Jazz Band, shouting traditional blues into a biscuit tin (perfect, he said, for amplification) and spent much of his free time listening to the records of Bessie Smith, whose angry bellow we all fervently admired. It was not only that she was Empress of the Blues. She was also black, and consequently oppressed, which made her the perfect icon for our group.

George's own collection was more comprehensive. When his grandmother died, leaving him several thousand pounds, he spent the lot on pictures. He too acquired a Max Ernst folio, but in his Chelsea digs pride of place was given to two paintings by René Magritte. They hung on the wall facing his bed and, lying among the jumble of bodies that morning in the pale light I felt, not for the first time, that I was inside an envelope, air-mailed from some exotic land and the pictures surrounding me were the stamps.

We longed for revolution, although what form it should take we did not know. On two or three evenings a week he sang with Mick Mulligan's Magnolia Jazz Band, shouting traditional blues into a biscuit tin (perfect, he said, for amplification) and spent much of his free time listening to the records of Bessie Smith, whose angry bellow we all fervently admired. It was not only that she was Empress of the Blues. She was also black, and consequently oppressed, which made her the perfect icon for our group.

Because I lived with Bob I travelled with him in Mulligan's car. It meant free transport, but it was an uneasy arrangement. Strictly speaking only girls and musicians were entitled to seats in the car and I constantly felt obliged to do something which would justify my taking up the space. Heading for Perivale one evening Mick wondered aloud whether the band



Top: The Mick Mulligan Band at Chas Club, south London, in the early 1950s. Left to right, Owen Maddox, tuba; Walley Fawkes, clarinet; Mick Mulligan, trumpet; John Lavender, banjo; Harry Brown, trombone - plus an unknown drummer. Above left: Oakes, a 1950s flashback and right, the young George Melly

should take on a singer and I rose to the bait. "How about me?" I said. Bob looked appalled and Mulligan glanced over his shoulder. "Didn't know you could sing, cock." "I've done a bit", I said. For slightly less than six months I had been a solo treble in the school choir and subsequently I had sung in one or two army camp shows. "You can try a couple of songs tonight", said Mick. My nerve held out until the band was halfway through its first set. Mick beckoned me on to the bandstand. "All right, cock?" he asked. "All right." We were on a higher level than I had imagined. The upturned faces on the

dance floor were like mirrors - reflecting not images but light. Without meaning to I began to count them until I heard Mick stamp his foot three times and the band led into the sweet, sauntering blues whose words, I suddenly realized, had gone from my mind. They returned just as unexpectedly and leaning back with my eyes closed - an affliction which excused me from looking at my audience - I sang about

lost love in another time and place. Opening my eyes for the final chorus I saw that a small circle of girls had gathered at my feet. They swayed in time to the music, dancing on the spot and jiggling gently beneath their loose sweaters. Were they fans? I wondered. Would they want to touch me? Would I be able to take my pick of the bunch as Mulligan did? The song ended. They clapped perfunctorily and later on when I sang "Bill Bailey" Mick tore straight into the next number without allowing time for any applause. My feelings were ruffled if not exactly hurt, but I said nothing until we were driving home, when I asked Mick how he thought I had done. "Not bad, cock", he said. "But it's not really your sort of thing."

"Why not?" "Well, it's not the Hammersmith Palace, is it?" "I don't know what you mean."

Mick spotted the blue light of a police car ahead and reduced his speed. "Style", he said. "The voice is all right. But it's not authentic."

I understood what he meant when George Melly turned up for a band rehearsal the following week. In the suburban litter of Mulligan's sitting room he recreated the New Orleans of 40 years before. Strutting on the Axminster, cigarette fuming between his fingers, he became the pimp, the gambler, the sporting-house man. I studied his gentian-smudged face and the tight arse, his trousers and wondered how a son of Liverpool, educated at Stowe, could sound so black.

"It's simply how you feel", he said. "Really?" I asked. I learnt later that George listened to Bessie Smith records as intently as I listened to Sinatra, mimicking each breath, each angry growl. But he reproduced more than the sound. Each song became a dramatic recitation, a mime, a piece of theatre which he refined or embellished as he went along.

One night the Magnolias were playing at a club in Cranley, the stronghold of a group of traditionalists who believed that only music made before electrical recordings was the genuine article.

When George came on to sing the Cranley crowd began a slow handclap. The Mulligan supporters sauntered across the floor trying to look menacing, and I wondered if I was going to be called on to demonstrate my loyalty. I hoped not. Jazz enthusiasts were, by nature, both liberal and lenient and I had only occasionally seen blood flow. But the Cranley barracking went on and on and although George seemed unworried I could see that Mick's patience was wearing thin.

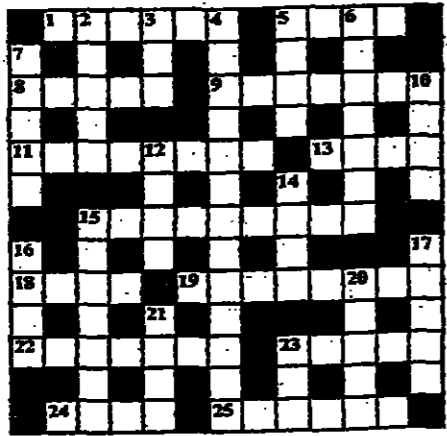
The leader of the Cranley pack advanced to the stage and clapped his hands under the bell of Mick's trumpet. I half rose from my seat, but Jenny pulled me back. George stepped in front of the microphone and, stooping forward like a child presenting a bouquet, planted a kiss on the Cranley leader's forehead.

moreover... Miles Kington The blues is feeling off colour

New Orleans New Orleans may be the birthplace of jazz, but there are other, younger, kinds of music to which it has given birth. There is a kind of rhythm 'n' blues which came out of this city in the 1950s and 1960s, lighter and more piano dominated than

northern varieties, that commands as devoted adherents as New Orleans jazz ever did. The most famous practitioner is Fats Domino, but there are others, less worldwide, local stars such as the late Professor Longhair and a current hero, pianist James Booker, who managed to be spectacularly ill during a recent concert without losing any sound. When you tell the cognoscenti that you are off to New Orleans, it isn't the jazz they tell you to keep an eye on, it's the rhythm 'n' blues scene.

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 184)



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All, however, is not well. Fats Domino is virtually an exile from his own city. He touches base about once a year for a reunion concert with the faithful and spends the rest of the time more profitably on the road. And audiences at club performances by lesser men are not what they should or ever used to be; club owners now complain that there are very few groups who can fill a place even at weekends and that they have to hire two or even three groups on one evening to guarantee a sellout. Two of the city's most popular nightspots closed recently with financial problems; they put the blame in varying proportions on cable TV, lack of exposure on unadventurous local radio, new rock discs, the tendency of bands to price themselves out of the market and even on crime in the streets. One of the top remaining spots is a bar called Tipitina's, a sweaty echoing kind of place with minimal decor, a kind of rock and roll version of the 100 Club in Oxford Street, and when I went there to see the Radiators, a very good local rock and roll band, the audience certainly didn't seem big enough to cover any kind of outlay and the band played correspondingly loud to fill the empty spaces. Only one or two bands, like the locally famous Neville Brothers, can be relied upon to get the place really full and steaming. The biggest crowd I saw for any musical event here was a full turnout in the huge Sanger Theatre for a blues evening featuring Bobby Bland, B. B. King and Millie Jackson. Among the several thousand people I saw only about a dozen white faces; this was the black community turning out to greet its heroes, yet it seemed to be a case of

celebrating past achievements more than anything new. B. B. King played and sang well enough, but both he and Bland, whose name is extremely apt, looked like two middle-aged spreading gentlemen going through their past bits. There was much more clapping at the start of numbers than at the end. Millie Jackson, much younger, seemed intent mainly on proving that a woman can talk as dirty as a man, which seemed to go down well with most present except my neighbour, who shouted unavailingly: "Wash your mouth out, girl!" The only local radio station which can be relied upon to present a full range of adventurous music is WWOZ, which the other night claimed to have heard an excellent evening of Ethiopian reggae at Tipitina's. A pity there were so few people there, it said. And it may be that there are just too many kinds of music in this still very musical town to win all the audiences needed for survival. There is every kind of jazz, blues, rock and roll, country music and reggae, which is known better in New Orleans than most parts of the USA. One kind of music that seems on the increase is Cajun. This simple but attractive music, sung in French patois and dominated by violins and accordions, is creeping into the cities from the bayous, and sounds far better in the flesh than its repetitive image on record might suggest. Clifton Henier, a black star of the music, filled Tipitina's last Saturday. On Thursday I heard Bourne, a group named after a favourite Cajun card game, and the Maple Leaf, where they created a wonderful evening of hooping and dancing. The impressive thing was that the band, apart from one grizzled fiddler, was very young, and that the equally young crowd were dancing correct steps - a kind of five mixed with country two-step. Musically it can hardly be called a step forward, but it is hard not to be carried away by the stomping country rhythm and the litting waltzes, not to mention the refreshing lack of decades. The other day I even heard a Cajun version of "The Saints Come Marching In". It was the first time in 20 years I had found myself enjoying this hammy old tune.

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As far as a new name for a 16-bit word was concerned, chomp and gobble were the most common - chomp was liked by the judges, gobble not so much.

Munch and mouthful were also popular. It was in the second choice of word that the judges looked for originality.

Today we offer the seventh competition. There are two age groups - up to 15 and 15 to 18 inclusive. Entries will be individual efforts but because we are keen that schools should become involved, the main prize - two Atari 600XL computers a week, one for each group - will be presented to the school of the winner's choice. In addition, 10 copies of The Times Atlas of World History, five in each age group, will be awarded each week to individual entrants, including the overall winners of the school computers.

The competition is simple to enter. Cut out the entry form today and every Tuesday for the next 11 weeks and collect each week the entry tokens from the back page of The Times (you will find it at the foot of The Times Information Service) on the five following publication days - Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday - and stick them on the form. Those who entered last week should be sure that entries are posted to arrive by first post Friday.

Today and in every week of the competition there will be five questions on computers to answer with a different theme each week. These will not require the use of a computer but may require a certain amount of research. All the answers are to be found in works of reference readily available to young people. There is a tie-breaking question to answer which will test the ingenuity and imagination of contestants and enable the panel of judges to decide the winners. Every week is a new contest so missing one week will not spoil your chances.

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2. Those entries with all factual questions answered correctly will be judged first. The entry which in the opinion of the judges gives the most apt and imaginative answer to the tie-breaker question will win a personal prize of an Atlas.
3. Other entries with all-correct answers and judged to have submitted the next 8 best answers to the tie-breaker will win a personal prize of an Atlas.
4. Those entries with less than all-correct answers will be judged in order, in the event that not enough all-correct entries qualify.
5. If identical entries are judged to have won, the entrants may be asked to submit to a further similar competition.

Rules

1. All entries must be made via the official entry form as printed in The Times. No photocopies will be accepted. Several entries from the same school may be posted together.
2. Each individual entry must be accompanied by the required

- number of computer symbols as printed in The Times relevant to that week's competition.
3. All entries must be made clearly in ink. Incomplete, illegible, spilt or late entries will be rejected as will those without a nomination.
4. You must be under 19 years of age and be a full-time student of the school or college nominated at the time of entry.
5. Names of all winners will be published in The Times not later than 2 weeks after closing date. All entries become the sole property and copyright of The Times. Prizes will be despatched to the School.
6. No individual may win more than once in any one weekly competition.
7. Proof of posting is not acceptable as proof of entry.
8. The decision of the panel of judges appointed by the Editor is final on all matters connected with the competition. No correspondence at any stage of the competition will be entered into.
9. Employees and their families of Times Newspapers Ltd, its associated companies or anyone connected with the operation of this competition are not eligible.
10. All entrants will be deemed to have agreed to abide by the rules of which all instructions form part.

Results of the fourth competition

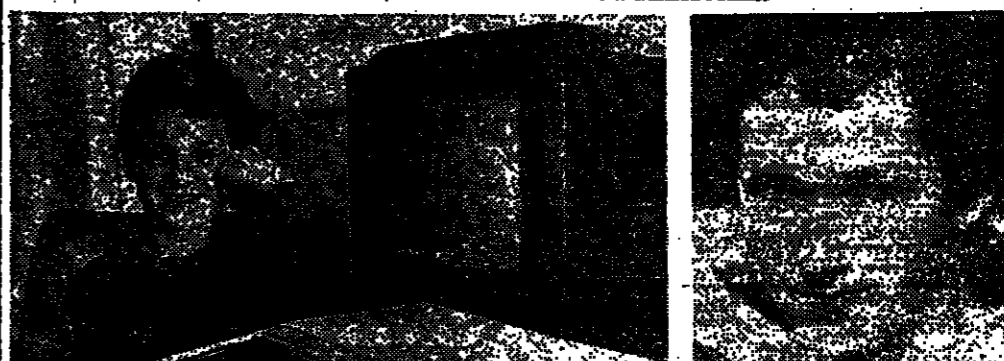
Stuart and Anthony are this week's winners

Two boys, age 10 and 16, are the winners of The Times Classroom Computer fourth competition. They are Stuart McDonald of St. Bernadette's School, Harrow, Middlesex, and Anthony Cole, of Downend School, Downend, Bristol. The winning decision was made by a tie-breaking question.

The answers to the fourth competition were 1) A; 2) B; 3) B; 4) A; 5) A.

The winners will both receive an Atari 600XL computer for their schools, as well as a personal gift of the Times Atlas of

World History. The eight runners up are: Martin Rooney, St. Bride's High School, East Kilbride; Sian Morse, Rosebery School, Epsom, Surrey; Samantha King, Herts & Essex High School, Bishops Stortford, Herts; Anil Patel, Cobden Junior School, Loughborough, Leics; Simon Fowler, St. Dominic's School, Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middlesex; Stephen Witter, Kings School, Peterborough; Sarah Wright, School of St Helen & St. Katharine, Abingdon, Oxon; Simon Spooner, Gillingham Comprehensive School, Gillingham, Dorset. Each receives a Times Atlas.



Stuart McDonald (10) left, comes from a computing household. His mother is a lecturer in computing and his father is a consultant, so it was inevitable that he took an interest in the subject.

Anthony Cole (16) right, has just won a BBC machine in a competition linked with the film Tron.

At home, with his BBC micro, he plays games and writes utilities, using machine code. He has an O Level in computing studies, and this

year hopes for an A in the subject. Downend school is equipped with BBC, RML and ZX81 micros, and is moving to a new computer room.

Computer Studies teacher Mrs S. Redfern is looking forward to the addition of the Atari. It will enable more of the younger children to use the facilities during the club sessions after school. Anthony is a keen photographer and cyclist.

COMPETITION No 7 Memories 2

Study the 5 questions below carefully and select your answer from the choices given. In each case write only the appropriate code letter into the answer box. Remember to complete the tie-breaker and all other parts of this entry form in accordance with the rules - and to attach 5 entry symbols.

Closing date for entries - 1st post Friday, November 4.

1. The maximum amount of memory that can be accessed from an 8-bit microprocessor is:
A 8192 bytes
B 65536 bytes
C 131072 bytes
2. The standard IBM formatted single density 8 inch floppy disk has:
A 77 tracks
B 35 tracks
C 40 tracks
3. A what-Winnie is:
A 5 inch diameter hard disk
B A Dartmoor pony
C The other half of a famous cartoon mouse
4. A ROM is:
A a space invader from the planet Romulus
B a type of memory that you cannot change
C read/write memory
5. A CCD is:
A a plain clothes policeman
B a type of calculator/computer display
C a memory technology using electrostatic charge

Tie-breaker

In fewer than 20 words, describe a novel application for a magnetic bubble memory.

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The new-hat centre

Yet another micro-based company has blossomed in the London borough of Lambeth. Shelton Instruments, manufacturers of the multi-user Sig/Net series of micros, has just taken over a disused wig and hat warehouse in the new technology centre borough, and opened a new production line there.

The company set up by a graduate of Imperial College, Dr Chris Shelton in 1974, originally concentrated on consultancy work, but when Neil Harrison, who is now technical director, arrived in 1978, the company decided to put all of its efforts into the sig/Net project.

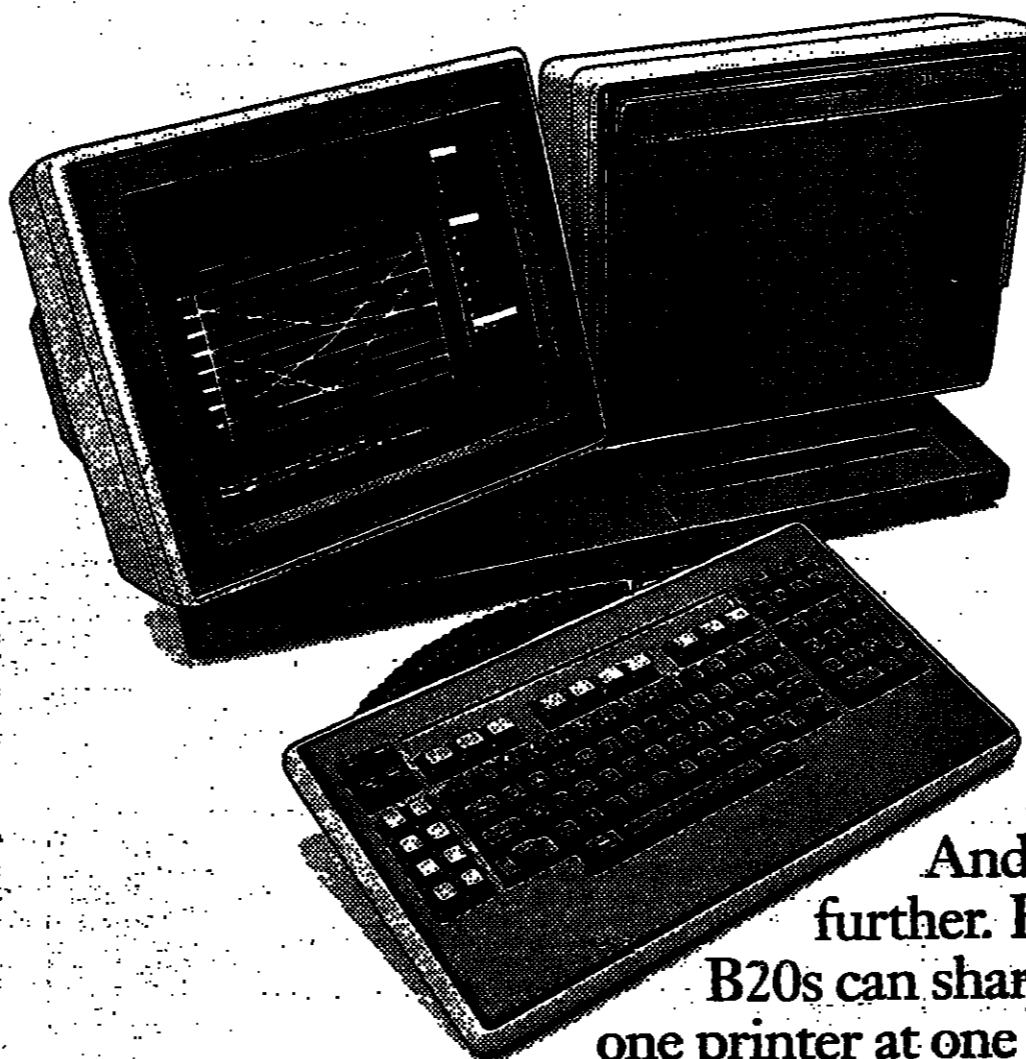
The system, which offers facilities for multi users to grow with low cost linear expansion, costs, has sold more than 2000 units in the last eighteen months, and the company, with

orders for a further 1000, is its sights set on selling 4000 units this year.

Mr Kenneth Baker, the Minister responsible for Information Technology, who opened the new premises, sees companies like Shelton beating foreign competitors at their own game, by not competing directly with Japanese and American imports.

To aid the company expansion, late last year it received an injection of capital from The BTG and Innotech Investments. With a new 16-bit signal processor micro due to be unveiled, probably at COMPEC, the company has expanded its workforce, and now employs what must be one of the highest-trained teams in the area, for all of the production team are at least "A" level or HNC holders, while the test team consists solely of graduates.

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In my last article I wrote that the Japanese, in devising the Fifth Generation, are proposing to change the relationship between hardware and software, moving the boundary between the two and changing much of what was previously thought to be software into hardware.

Eventually much of what was the operating software will be replaced by a set of VLSI modules integral to the system which will enable it to operate. There will still be some applications software, though how it is organised and what devices it is stored on it is yet difficult to see.

All this may seem complicated. It is indeed the route that the Japanese are pursuing is not well understood even within the computing industry. To seek that understanding, it is necessary to go back to first principles and start by asking how a machine can be made to operate in parallel, the way that the Japanese have chosen to try to break the performance capability bottleneck.

It is obvious that the system

Rex Malik concludes his series examining the ways in which the Japanese are re-thinking the role of the machine

has to break the task to be performed down into its component parts, operating on each part that can be separately treated independently. But that does not really answer the question. For what determines when each step is taken and the order in which it is done? how the dependencies are sorted out.

The answer is obvious, though not easy to execute. It is to impose a system of logic on the machine. This is what we do with traditional operating software, but with the computer systems we have it has not been a formal system, one independent of the machine.

Can such a system be imposed on a machine? Essentially the Japanese are committing immense resources to the proposition that it can.

Its base will be the predicate calculus, and its initial expression a language based on it called PROLOG. This was devised by a Frenchman, Alain

Colmerauer, of the University of Marseille, and an American, Robert Kowalski of Imperial College, London. Operating software is generally organised to cut down the number of instructions required to perform tasks, to try to overcome hardware limitations and increase the throughput of the systems.

A language based on a formal logic of universal characteristics, however, is bound to be different. It will probably have to go back to fundamentals each time, a reverse process. This could mean that the power requirement to cope with even trivial questions could increase substantially.

But if we can reduce each step taken down to its fundamentals, and build the machine's responses out of processing those steps, what we have created is a logical engine which is in essence independent of most of the specific tasks it performs.

We have not yet finished. If each logical step is clear of ambiguity, it becomes an elemental building brick. There will need to be a lot of those. But making the machine work

aiding users in the specification of the problem they wish solved and the provision of answers in terms they will find intelligible.

These software systems are not options, they are integral parts of a fifth generation machine. It is the working out and the development of all these parts and processes and their creation which is expected to take at least ten years. But at the end of it there should be a working architecture from which a prospect can be built.

It will be a different product, for it should do relatively easily what computers find difficult to do today.

It cannot be emphasised too strongly that 5G is a long term project of collaborative research between government and industry. It is expected to spin off software and hardware development as it progresses, which will then be taken up by the companies taking part.

This is the challenge that faces Europe and America. This is not just an attempt to tweak existing technology and technological ideas to make them run faster, smoother, and easier.

It is an attempt to create a basic machine which can then be used in almost any sort of factual domain.

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A promise from Mr Fuchi

When (not if) Japan finally pulls off The Fifth Generation, there will no doubt be a queue of the usual figures, many corporate persons among them, trying to claim an unreal share of the credit.

Blame or credit, the man who will have to carry either (itself a sharp revolution in Japanese organisational style) is Kazuhiro Fuchi, the head of ICO, The Institute for New Generation Computer Systems in Tokyo. Mr Fuchi was in London the other day, and what he had to say and report was either genuinely exciting or very depressing, according to your position and point of view.

Mr Fuchi, in private an enthusiast, in public somewhat diffident, was speaking quietly to the grandiloquently named "Fifth Generation World Conference, 1983" run by SPL Insight. On the programme with him were the heads or key members of the often hastily-assembled national projects set up to compete with 5G: the



Mr Fuchi... the architect

EEC's, the French, the German, the USA collective, and the British.

Mr Fuchi said that their first experimental processor was now being built. True, it might be a big box, but it was the prototype of the key hardware which would become the workstation of those researchers involved in 5G research.

When would it be ready? Sometime in the spring or summer of next year. And just to indicate that no-one was being fooled, that they were not talking paper machines, he also announced a Japanese conference on 5G to be held in November next year, at which

people would have the chance of seeing it, operational or not.

The Japanese speakers supporting Mr Fuchi, from ICOT and from Fujitsu, were quite happy to discuss progress, the routes being pursued, given design data, show how the software architecture was evolving and generally discuss the success they were having - or the lack of it. There was very little of the latter.

The highly focused, well integrated, and thoroughly cooperative endeavour of the Japanese was sharply differentiated from the approaches of everybody else.

As Professor Edward Feigenbaum of Stanford University, a leading worker in artificial intelligence in the USA and the author of a popular book on the Fifth Generation* put it in a video contribution, the cooperation among Japanese researchers was generally very deep and good, and they were exhibiting a better than usual learning curve.

Which was not exactly the liking of everybody, and will no doubt be even less so the liking of occidental corporate managements and politicians when the conference reports start to roll in.

* "The Fifth Generation", by Edward Feigenbaum and Pamela McCorduck, is to be published in the UK by Michael Joseph, price £9.95.

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General

Come back, almost all can be retrieved in time

By Jacquetta Megarry

David Hewson wrote (*Computer Horizons*, October 4) of the cold dread certainly experienced by a computer user who has just wiped out the work of hours, days or even weeks at the touch of a button.

His advice is sound ("Don't just save it, print it too") but cannot be taken too literally, constantly interrupting one's writing to print out unfinished articles would defeat the object of using word processing. In any case, rekeying a long article, a complex program or an extensive data file is an error-prone chore.

So readers should know that disc disasters can usually be retrieved, and you don't need any programming skill to do it. Below I describe exactly how I retrieved an article from a faulty disc.

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When all is well, the user doesn't need to worry about any of this. However, if things go wrong, the DFS may return ominous messages like "DISC FAULT IS AT 12 0B" when you try to save or load a file. This might just mean there is a speck of dust on the surface of the disc, or that one tiny bit of your file has been lost. But it means that to get your file back you will have to by-pass the DFS.

Again, if you tell the DFS to delete a file by mistake, you should know that it has not actually been removed from the disc. It's just that the DFS removes it from the catalogue. Attempts to load it through the DFS will fail because the DFS no longer knows where to find that file. But if you can by-pass the DFS you may find it completely intact. Indeed while looking for my article I found all sorts of other things which though I had deleted months ago, a sort of dream-like jumbled electronic memory.

How can you by-pass the DFS? I used a remarkable program from Computer Concepts called "DISC DOCTOR" which comes packaged with 19 other useful programs on a chip now permanently plugged into my BBC Micro. It costs just £25.

The morning I lost my article I would gladly have paid double that just to get it back. With other faults, different disc systems and other recovery programs, the details of what follows will vary, but the principles are the same.

First you have to find out where your file starts on the disc and where it finishes. Then you load these sectors (as the subdivisions are called) directly into your computer's memory, edit them (if you want to remove any garbage, repetition or bits that don't belong) and then save the file afresh.

Specifically, when my file wouldn't load I used "INFO" to find its length and where it was on the disc. Unfortunately the BBC tells you these numbers in hex (base 16), so the next stage is to convert them into base 10 numbers; you can get the BBC to do this for you by typing "PRINT &" before the hex number.

Then I typed "RECOVER" (the DISC DOCTOR command for recovering information directly from the surface of the disc) followed by the starting point, the number of sectors, then the number 3000 and finally the number 0. This simply tells the system that I've only got one disc drive. The 3000 is just a convenient address in the computer's memory to put the file while you have a look at it.

Now comes the thrilling bit. A program called MZAP gives you a window into the interior of your micro's memory. Typing "MZAP 3000" starts you at address 3000, but you can wander around freely inside the memory. Having just "RECOVERed" my file, I could see the text in blocks of eight characters (letters and space) together with the hex numbers used to represent each character in the computer's memory. So I verified that I had what I wanted (and did a little editing at the same time), and simply saved the new file by typing "SAVE NEWFILE 3000".

The whole process need only have taken ten minutes, had I not become so fascinated by MZAP. By going higher up the memory I found I could look at the program which was actually running; I felt like an electronic voyeur, trespassing on my micro's inner recesses.

Sometimes I found numbers changing frantically as I scrolled up and down the memory - doubtless causing further frenzied microelectronic representations elsewhere. There's something spooky about this kind of recursion - as if you could read the contents of your own brain - including your reactions to the revelation.



Million-pound software tool

By Paul Walton

The obscure art of constructing computer systems could become as simple and as reliable as civil engineering, says a pioneering software house that has developed the first tools which embody the new discipline of "software engineering".

The first software tool will apply a computer workstation to constructing computer systems for the first time, and will cost Imperial Software Technology a million pounds to develop after two years of planning how to do it.

John Parker is the principal consultant at IST, which was set up a year ago close by Imperial College in order to "develop the first ever disciplined approach to building a system using the computer, and going beyond the artistic, rather seat-of-the-pants approach used today".

He added that software tools would do away with the trial and error which programmers and analysts now go through to get a system working, and would eventually make it easy enough for anybody to apply

their computer without detailed understanding of how it worked.

The company was backed to the tune of \$750,000 last October by Plessey, Natwest, P.A. Management Consultants and Imperial College itself after the head of computer science there, Professor Lehmann, had the idea of putting software engineering theory into commercial practice.

IST has so far attracted just over two dozen such experienced specialists from British software houses and has laid the ground rules for future prod-

ucts, helped by profitable consultancy work for some very prestigious organizations.

Parker said that work is just beginning on the first software tool, an expert system along the lines of those which the Government's Ajvey collaborative research and development project was charged with producing. IST will work with other computer firms, but it has chosen to apply for a massive £300,000 grant from an existing commercial software aid scheme in order to get off to a quick start and hold on to its world lead.

Swiss contract for Scicon

Britain's Scicon, a subsidiary of BP, has won a significant contract in Switzerland with a new generation of message-switching systems. Radio Suisse, which provides private telecommunications services, has installed Scicon's new Text & Data Exchange in Bern, which will offer a private network service called Datacare III to Swiss organizations.

Scicon's software allows message-switching systems based on its new exchange to be custom-designed to users' needs. The company believes the new TD Exchange system will be used by large organizations looking for sophisticated

message switching. They allow terminals and computers to be connected to telex and telephone networks, as well as to host computers. Up to 30 fully independent networks can be operated through a single exchange.

Radio Suisse sees Datacare III as a big step forward. "We aim to be a European leader in private network services by providing a gateway for international private telecommunications," said Pierre von Niederhauser, manager of the company's consulting and engineering group.

The Swiss service will use three DEC PDP 11/44 and three

DEC PDP 11/70 minicomputers. It will be able to support 500 lines and 70 separate customer networks.

Scicon was chosen to provide the software - which is alone worth £200,000 - from among 11 other tendering organizations.

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WALL STREET PRICES & COMMENT THE TIMES BUSINESS NEWS

Another set of erratic US money supply figures threw the London stock market into a state of confusion yesterday as share prices resumed their downward trend in the face of renewed nervous selling.

MARKET REPORT by Michael Clark US money supply nerves

ACCOUNT DAY: Dealings began, Oct 17. Dealings end, Oct 28. Contango Day, Oct 31. Settlement Day, Nov 7.

Concrete wit the purchaser of an extra 25,000 shares. It now owns 4.21 with shares, or 24.42 per cent of the equity. Shares of RMC closed unchanged at 367p.

The Prudential Corporation one of Britain's biggest financial institutions, has bought a stake in DPCE Holdings, the computer maintenance group which joined the market earlier this year.

Shares of Intech, the micro-graphics supplier, made an uninspiring start to dealings on the Unlisted Securities Market. The 2.4 million shares placed by brokers Savory Millin at 91p matched the placing price in first time dealings, but slipped to a discount as the morning wore on.

Profit-taking also lopped 4p from Hollis Bros at 39p. Mr Robert Maxwell's BPCC owns over 70 per cent of the shares and is reported to be planning a large injection of assets into the company after rejection last year.

British Dredging has increased its stake in Ready-Mix

Barclays, 8p at 334p, Midland, 10p at 384p and National Westminster, 5p at 579p.

Among insurance Eagle Star rose 5p to 528p - still 28p above the Allianz offer - on hopes of a

Debenhams are believed to favour placing shares in its credit company rather than go for a full quote. Word is that between 20 and 30 per cent would go to institutions enabling a value to be placed on the whole business and help Debenhams re-raise its shares before a predator beats it to the punch.

higher bid. Allianz owns around 30 per cent of Eagle and hopes eventually to buy a further 10 per cent. Bid speculation in shares of Lloyds insurance broker, Hogg Robinsons was cut short with the shares sliding 6p to 122p.

Reports from the United States suggested the Kuwait

Investment Office had sold its entire stake of around 9 per cent of the equity. But this was being discounted by most observers last night.

Among the leaders BOC Group tumbled 10p to 229p after a visit to the company's American operations by analysts recently. GKN also lost 4p to 164p, along with Hawker Siddeley on 288p and Glaxo on 735p.

Friedland Deggart returned from a brief suspension at 170p after details of the company's plans to buy 15 per cent of its own shares by tender offer. The price ended the day at 168p.

On of the biggest falls of the day was recorded by Burnett & Hallamshire, the open cast coal mining group, which tumbled 50p to 218p. Yesterday the new chairman Mr Eric Grayson issued a statement to try to soothe investors' fears about possible losses. According to Mr Grayson, all subsidiaries are

It was a nervous time yesterday for shares of United Scientific Holdings as a large seller of 3.5 million shares appeared on the scene after hours. The shares lost an early lead to close 2p higher at 343. They may still be around today.

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ANNUAL MEETINGS

Amalgamated Estates, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, EC2 (10.30). Apex Properties, 243/247 Pavillion Road, Sloane Square, SW1 (noon)

NOTEBOOK

Highland Distillers Company reports a 23 per cent increase in annual profits from \$3.7m to \$7.1m. A final dividend of 2.25p is being proposed raising the total for the year from 2.85p to 3.2p.

Takeover highlights British protests to EEC to open up foreign insurance markets

Eagle Star demands Monopolies inquiry to fend off Allianz

By Andrew Cornelius and Ian Murray

Eagle Star Holdings will this week demand a Monopolies and Mergers Commission investigation of the £692m takeover attempt by West German insurer Allianz Versicherungs.

The Government is believed to be considering increasing the asset qualification for investigation of a merger from £15m to £25m to help reduce the workload of the OFT which typically examines 200 cases each year.

To allow the liberalization of services as laid down by the Treaty of Rome, And Britain has an obvious financial interest in wanting to see this happen.

The Trade Department considering a number of obstacles to trade unveiled by the Commission on Invisible Exports in its investigation of barriers to trade within the EEC and will present a package of proposals to the next meeting of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade in a year.

Under Government competition rules the OFT must produce a recommendation to Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, on whether to refer a qualifying takeover bid for investigation by the Monopolies Commission before the first closing date of the takeover offer.

The Allianz bid of 500p per share for Eagle Star qualifies for investigation because it represents a transfer of assets of more than £15m.

British insurers are angry that a West German company like Allianz can take advantage of the freedom of the London financial market to effect a takeover when it is almost impossible for British companies to buyout insurance companies in West Germany, and other EEC countries.

The Eagle Star board look certain to delay publication of a full-blown defence document against the Allianz bid so that it can concentrate its energies on winning Government support for the investigation.

Mesa still buying Gulf shares

By Derek Pain

Mesa Petroleum, of Texas is continuing to buy shares in Gulf Oil Corporation as the US oil group struggles to avoid a widely-expected takeover bid.

Mr Pickens may also be attempting to obtain a big enough shareholding to wrest management control of Gulf.



Professor Gower: report soon

Gower to favour self regulation

By Philip Robinson

The results of Professor Jim Gower's two-year study of how Britain protects its investors will be passed to the Department of Trade and Industry within five weeks.

Telerate sets \$20m profit record

By Our Financial Staff

Telerate, the British-owned, but New York-based financial news service reported record profits and earnings yesterday.

Mr Gunn said that Telerate had suffered from the lack of a suitable infrastructure organization in Europe, but the new company will provide the distribution and servicing facilities necessary for it to compete more effectively.

Review hits Burnett shares

By Our Financial Staff

Shares of Burnett & Hallamshire Holdings, the open-cast mining and property group, plunged by 50p to 218p on the Stock Exchange yesterday on fears that the group's run of 15 consecutive years of record profits is coming to an end.

Brengreen bid claim attacked

By Wayne Lintott

Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bank advisers to Sunlight Services, yesterday disputed claims that Brengreen (Holdings) was close to winning its £36m takeover battle for Sunlight.

Nissan 'assembly plan'

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

The president of Nissan of Japan, Mr Takashi Ishihara, said yesterday that the company's proposed British operation could initially be only an assembly plant for imported parts and components.

Securities expert for Montagu

By Peter Wilson-Smith, Banking Correspondent

Samuel Montagu, one of the City's leading merchant banks, has appointed Mrs Barbara Thomas, a Commissioner of the US Securities and Exchange Commission, as an executive director from January 1.

W. German economists gloomy

Bonn (Reuters) - Obstacles to a lasting economic recovery in industrialized countries remain large and growth rates will slow in some nations, according to West Germany's five leading economic research institutes.

Ricoh to build £5m UK plant

From Richard Hanson, Tokyo

Ricoh company, one of Japan's leading makers of office equipment, is to build a £5m plant in Telford, West Midlands. It will be the company's first direct investment in Britain.

Sohio to spend \$36bn on Prudhoe

From David Young, Cleveland, Ohio

The significance of the huge Prudhoe Bay oilfield in north Alaska has been revealed by spending plans from Sohio, the American oil company in which BP has a 53 per cent stake.

Early plunge in Dow

By Peter Wilson-Smith, Banking Correspondent

New York (AP-Dow Jones) - Stocks held above their early lows yesterday. The Dow Jones Industrial average was down about 8.5 points at the 1,240 level after lifting from its early fall of 17 points.

WALL STREET

General Electric was 51 7/8 down 3/8; General Motors 76 1/2 down 1/2; Ford 66 down 1/2; US Steel 28 down 1/2; International Business Machines 126 1/2 down 1/2; Teledyne 164 1/2 down 1 1/2; Burlington Northern 107 1/2 down 1 1/2; Data General 65 down 1 1/2; Motorola 139 1/2 down 1 1/2; Norfolk Southern 67 down 1 1/2; Santa Fe Industries 30 1/2 down 1 1/2; Exxon was off 1/4 at 38 1/2; Brown Group down 1 1/2 to 32 1/2; Raytheon up 1/4 at 45 1/2; AMR unchanged at 31; Southwest Air down 1 1/2 at 36; C.R. Bard down 1 1/2 to 37 1/2; Colco up 1/4 at 26 1/2.

November launch leaves mainland trailing

Isle of Man to open first British freeport

By Jonathan Clark

The Isle of Man is to establish the first freeport in the British Isles, a move which will seal much of the thunder of the mainland proponents of the concept.

The Manx freeport would be the first in the British Isles because the Shannon duty free area in the Irish Republic is not a separate enclave and hence EEC rules for freeports. These demand, among other things, restrictions on access, and a single entrance.

land freeports, the Manx one would be permanent. Under British Government proposals the mainland freeports would be reviewed at the end of a five year experimental period.

It is intended that the island's customs service, which is independent of the British force, will have permanent officers on site within a high security perimeter.

Norwegians want greater oil stake

By Our Financial Staff

A consortium led by Den Norske Stats Ojeselskap (Statoil) is pressing for a larger stake in the north sea Murchison field, claiming more oil for the Norwegian sector than originally estimated, according to industry sources.

A spokesman for Conoco (UK), leader of the British Murchison Consortium, said field re-determination talks are being held. He said details should be completed in about two weeks but would not elaborate.

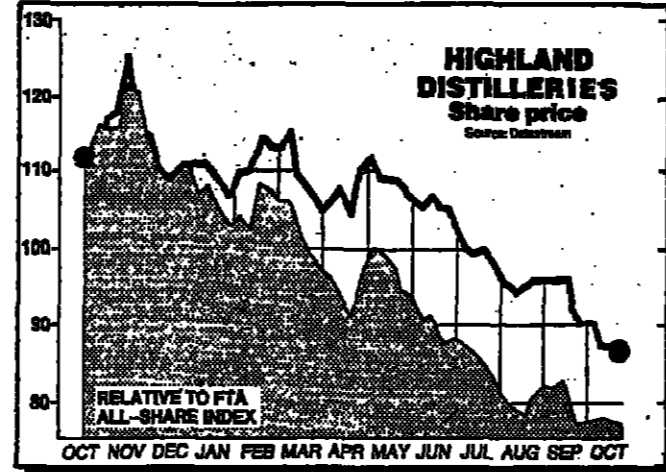
Industry sources claim Statoil wants to raise the Norwegian stake to 25 per cent from about 16 per cent. The field lies on the Anglo-Norwegian median line 120 miles north-east of the Shetlands.

British Petroleum has accepted the fourth quarter North Sea oil prices proposed by British National Oil Corp.

It is believed BP had resented the narrowing of the price differential between its Forties field and the Shell/Esso Brent field.

The BNOC prices raise Forties by 15 cents to \$29.90 a barrel, while Brent stays at \$30.

Highland Distilleries Year to 31.8.83 Pretax profit £7.1m (£5.7m) Stated earnings 8.8p (8.1p) Turnover £84.9m (£73.8m) Net dividend 3.2p (2.86p) Share price 91p up 4p. Yield 5%



A fall in volume north of the border where the company admits it has reached saturation point with about 25 per cent of the market, was more than counterbalanced by growth in England where Grouse is making strong progress on the licence for trade.

The company's exposure to sales of new fillings (malt whisky) where volume fell by about 20 per cent last year and mature malts, where sales barely managed to mark time, hampered the way in which Grouse's growth fed through into profits.

Nevertheless, at the pretax level the group still managed to achieve a 23 per cent rise from £5.7m to over £7m helped by a near £700,000 reduction in interest payments and a rise from £538,000 to £780,000 in dividend income from whisky blender, Robertson & Baxter.

It seems likely that the strong cash inflow to the balance sheet which resulted in the fall in bank borrowing costs will continue with stocks likely to be trimmed further this year in the face of the flat whisky market.

But whether Grouse can maintain its market penetration down south, given plans by the Distillers Company to relaunch Johnnie Walker Red Label next month is open to doubt.

Highland takes the view that any standard brand launched at the top end of the price bracket can be nothing but good news for an industry bedevilled by the dissemination of "cheapsies" and will enable prices to be pushed higher across the board. But that trade off between market share and higher margins has yet to be proved.

Moreover, it is becoming increasingly clear that with the writing out of capital allowances, the group is developing a significant tax problem. Last year the tax charge more than doubled to £1.7m.

In terms of the rest of the industry, Highland is just an infant. It sells nearly all its product at home while about 85 per cent of all is exported.

Highland hopes to see the way of Bell's, countering the slow-down after rapid growth at home with penetration overseas. It has set up a marketing subsidiary in California to dip its toe into that vast market. But in the short term, progress could be painfully slow, and dividend income - up 12 per cent for last year - may be constrained.

But if you are investing in bank shares at all, you really have to ignore this unlikely eventuality. If you think it a genuine threat, you should avoid the big four altogether.

On the more mundane, life-as-usual plane, the broker Savory Milin has just produced a broadly cheerful out-of-season study of the big four banks, predicting an average 19 per cent rise in profits for the year as a whole and further substantial profit increases in 1984 - more than a 25 per cent Midland and Lloyds.

On that basis, it expects the international debt crisis last year, to stage a further recovery on the stock market running up to the spring results season, though that might peter out later in 1984 as the growth of the British economy slows.

If you ignore the third world war, the astonishing feature of bank shares is their relative cheapness. Lloyds, for instance, sells at only about 4.5 times forecast 1983 profits and yields nearly 8 per cent on last year's dividend. In effect, a declared policy of progressive dividend increases. Narwest is not much more expensive.

"We are not home yet," said Mr Reed. "But with a good cash flow we will be able to further reduce borrowings."

The drug stores traded at virtually break-even during the second quarter while the third quarter produced a small profit on sales which, were 20 per cent up on the same period last year.

The profitable Christmas quarter is still to come, so Reed is quietly confident that Medicare should produce overall profits for the year.

An interim dividend of 0.1p (the same as last year) is being paid and when full year results are known the company will consider paying a final dividend. No fit dividend was paid last year. Provisional management accounts show group profits more than £400,000 for the third quarter. The last quarter should produce further profits.

Reed's shares rose 6p to 45p on the results. The share price was tickled up earlier in the year by Surperdrug enthusiasts seeing a look-alike in Medicare. Now, at last Medicare seems to be holding out real promise with its revitalised management.

Bank shares were weak yesterday, mainly in line with the market, but inevitably with some reference to the latest twists in the saga of Brazil's debts and their unsettling effects in New York.

In practice, the idea of such a country repudiating its debts is, to the banking sector, akin to the threat of a third world war: remote, but devastating. If Brazil, no doubt taking others with it, were to outpace the international bankers, their shares would drop like a stone.

J. Bibby

The edible oils division of J Bibby accounts for 17.5 per cent of the assets but last year contributed just 6.5 per cent of the trading surplus.

The division's return on assets is a mere 8.1 per cent against 24 per cent for the rest of the group. Thus shareholders have had to accept a dilution of returns because of this cost division, a fact which made yesterday's sale of the edible oil interests to Bunge for £14m all but inevitable.

Bunge, part of a multinational business with headquarters in Brazil, already trades in Britain.

Bibby has about 30 per cent of the private label edible oils market but has suffered from the keen prices obtained by the big retail chains.

The company is intent on continuing to expand both organically and by acquisition. The £14m proceeds from the edible oil division sale will be used to further that policy, although the company has nothing specific in mind.

Reed Executive

Reed executive Half-year to 2.7.83 Pretax profit £184,000 (£752,000) Stated earnings 1.28p (7.16p) loss. Turnover £17,05m (£16.44m). Net interim dividend 0.1p (same).

Reed Executive, the employment agency company which diversified into travel agencies and drug stores, has had a traumatic half year, but at the end of it has managed to turn the bottom line from losses into profit.

By a policy of selling unprofitable travel and employment agencies and grappling with the problems of the Medicare chain, Reed has turned last year's half time pretax losses of £752,000 into profits of £134,000.

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UK industry 'needs help to win EEC business'

By Patricia Clough

The Government is strongly urged to provide information and help to industry in developing business in the European Community in an authoritative report on British-EEC trade published today.

It is also pressed to work for an end to the internal barriers which still prevent the EEC being a real common market.

The report, by the House of Lords Select Committee on the EEC says that membership of the Community reinforced the shift in Britain's foreign trade towards Europe and that the result had, on the whole, been beneficial. Britain's trade deficit with the Community was not mainly due to membership, but to other causes.

Membership had brought lower prices and a greater choice of goods for consumers and industry - food being an exception. It had also been instrumental in stimulating trade and industrial activity in these recent very difficult years.

Different industries had fared in different ways since Britain joined the EEC, the report says. The clothing industry had done particularly well but mechanical engineering had suffered.

Firms and sectors that have fared badly in European trade have much to learn from those which have been successful. All sectors should be aware that the future of the British industry must be seen in a European context.

The report calls for greater efforts to remove non-tariff barriers to EEC trade. There should be more progress towards common Community standards and to removing administrative obstacles which some countries are suspected of using to protect their own products.

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Firms and sectors that have fared badly in European trade have much to learn from those which have been successful. All sectors should be aware that the future of the British industry must be seen in a European context.

The report calls for greater efforts to remove non-tariff barriers to EEC trade. There should be more progress towards common Community standards and to removing administrative obstacles which some countries are suspected of using to protect their own products.

Company News in Brief

Kniff Productions - Negotiations are taking place with a number of parties over many and varied proposals all of which are designed to enhance the company's development.

Gartford-Liley - The company's share price jumped 16p to 54p yesterday after news that it has opened merger talks with Williams Holdings, a Manchester engineering group. Directors with about 32 per cent of the share capital intend to accept an offer subject to a satisfactory resolution to the talks.

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES		NICKEL	
Commodity	Price	Commodity	Price
Coffee, Robusta	3150-37	Nickel	3150-37
Cocoa, 1st	3250-50	Nickel	3250-50
Sugar	160.25-105.00	Nickel	160.25-105.00
Wheat	141.50-15	Nickel	141.50-15
Barley	141.50-15	Nickel	141.50-15
Maize	141.50-15	Nickel	141.50-15
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LONDON INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL		LONDON METAL EXCHANGE	
Commodity	Price	Commodity	Price
Gold	377.1	Gold	377.1
Silver	1062.0	Silver	1062.0
Platinum	1080.9	Platinum	1080.9
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STANDARD CATHODES		LONDON GRAIN FUTURES MARKET	
Commodity	Price	Commodity	Price
Wheat	320.50	Wheat	320.50
Barley	301.50	Barley	301.50
Maize	301.50	Maize	301.50
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MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMODITIES		LONDON OIL FUTURES MARKET	
Commodity	Price	Commodity	Price
Beef	287.50	Crude Oil	287.50
Pork	330.00	Crude Oil	330.00
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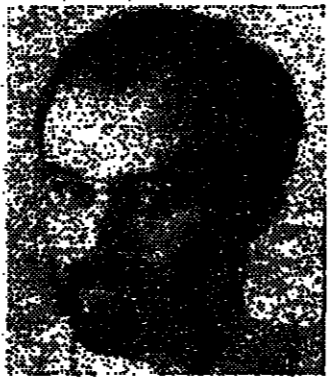
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Marketing and advertising: how consultancies are changing City's attitude to creativity

Smiling Mona Lisa joins campaign to brush up image of design firms

'The relationship between creativity and commerce is an uneasy one. By and large, business does not understand the creative process, and history is littered with creative ideas compromised by the insensitivity of the balance sheet.'

Torin Douglas, who has been given the Marketing Society's journalism award for his regular articles in The Times, looks at new ideas from commercial studios on self-promotion



Leonardo is prevailed upon to paint in a smile. 'It'sa your money', he says.

The company that is putting its own money into its marriage of commerce and creativity is a design consultancy, the Michael Peters Group, which next week enters the Unlisted Securities Market, the third design company to do so after Allied International Designers (now Aidcom International) and Fitch & Company.

Design is one of a number of areas in the creative and marketing services field with which the City is beginning to familiarise itself alongside advertising, public relations, research and sales promotion - and one of the purposes of the Michael Peters commercials is to get the whole business of design better understood.

'I want to fly the flag for design', says the chairman and managing director Mr Michael Peters. 'I would like to think that we can become the Saatchi & Saatchi of the design industry. People are now beginning to understand that good design can increase a company's profitability and we shall be attempting to communicate this to the City.'

Mr Peters's ambition to emulate Saatchi & Saatchi stems not just from a desire to be the biggest and the best-known but also from a realization that it was Saatchi which pulled off the immensely difficult trick of persuading the City that advertising was a business worth investing in, a campaign that has benefited not just other advertising agencies wanting to go public but firms in allied fields, such as design, as well.

One reason the Saatchi gloss

has rubbed off on these other companies is that City institutions are still not clear how the functions of an advertising agency differ from those of a design consultancy or a sales promotion firm. To an extent, this does not matter, since expenditure on marketing generally - not merely media advertising - is growing.

But design consultancies suffer from some disadvantages that advertising agencies do not. In addition to the fact that, like advertising agencies, their main assets are not equipment but

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people - and hence they are vulnerable to poaching or breakaways, sometimes with the loss of big slices of business - design work tends to be commissioned on an ad hoc, project-by-project basis, whereas most advertising accounts stay with an agency for years.

More importantly, perhaps, the design industry is far less well documented in economic terms than the advertising business.

One way Saatchi helped achieve its transformation in the City's attitude to what had seemed a fairly frivolous activity, was by its marshalling of the copious statistics that the advertising business generates. In successive annual reports, it was able to show that advertising expenditure was growing fast, despite the recession, and

that this trend was likely to continue.

This is something the design business cannot do, for there are few statistics available about expenditure on the design function. The growth has, therefore, to be demonstrated in other ways. One way is simply in terms of the performance of the publicly quoted companies, each of which is growing fast and has a high p/e ratio as a result, but a more important factor, according to some stockbrokers, is the emphasis being placed on design by retailers, and in particular the high standing in City circles of Sir Terence Conran.

Mr Mark Shepherd, an analyst at Phillips and Drew, says: 'There has been a great shake-up in the retail world and more and more retailers are placing great importance on design as a way of boosting their business. ... We are seeing large quoted companies pointing to design consultancies as the way to get themselves back on the road. Habitat is a living example of the fact that design can increase profits and the Burton Group, which has had a long history of using Fitch & Company, is another.'

Mr Paul Deacon, of Capel Gure Myers, says: 'The retail scene is a very mature area and now that the cushion of inflation seems to have been removed it is going to be hard for it to show real growth. ... In this situation, retailers are having to change their marketing mix to ensure growth and that, increasingly, means using design. The City certainly regards design as a growth area.'

Both the existing quoted companies are strong in retail design. Fitch recently designed the new generation of Top Shops for Burton, as well as doing work for Comet, UDS, Lawleys and Keith Prowse, while Aidcom has a joint company with the House of Fraser - House of Fraser International - and is expected shortly to be given a big design project by the company.

DESIGN COMPANIES' FINANCIAL RECORD (£2000s) Table with columns for Fitch & Company, Aidcom, and Michael Peters Group. Rows for Turnover and Profit before tax for years 1979-1982.

Aidcom now includes considerable non-design interests. Aidcom year ends October 31. Fitch & Company December 31, Michael Peters Group June 30.

of management. Does he worry that his close personal involvement in all aspects of the company might be seen as inappropriate by the City? 'I am determined to remain close to what is going on, because I believe that is the way to produce the best work', he says. 'I think the founders of some design companies are now too far removed from what is going on. We are not going to lose the quality of our work by going public.'

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recognize there are added pressures on companies by going public, particularly the need for consistent growth of turnover and profits, but they maintain that these are more than outweighed by the benefits.

Mr Silver says: 'It is now possible for people who have been successful in business to realize some of their income, and that is obviously a factor. ... But, equally as important, it means that the company's staff can have a share in its success, and in a business where the main asset is the people and there is the possibility that they could just leave and start up on their own, this is very worthwhile.'

The Peters Group is also intending to move to larger premises and to invest in the technology required for the rapidly growing field of computer-aided design. But perhaps the most important factor, Mr Peters says, is simply the opportunity to have a new platform to talk about design to the business community, next week's advertising campaign will be followed by a number of ventures intended to get design discussed more widely.

Mr Peters will not have the stage all to himself, however, for both Fitch and Aidcom have already paved the way in the education process. Aidcom, which now takes in publishing, technology and research companies as well as Allied International Designers, has produced a number of handsome brochures explaining how design works, complete with numerous case histories showing sales and profit increases, while Mr Rodney Fitch, the founder of Fitch & Company, maintains that, like Mr Peters, one of his main motivations for going public was to raise the profile of design within the business community.

Mr Fitch says: 'Obviously the chance to make some money is a big factor in the decision to go public, and anyone who says it is not is truthful. It also helps hold together the team of people who work for you and I am determined that Fitch & Company should become more than a one-generation business that has not really happened before in the design world, either here or in America. ... But it is vital that we persuade people that design is a professional, accountable business and one cannot do that simply by being a successful private company. It can be done only by getting larger, and having a more public profile.'

Whitehall notebook Britoil's scars are starting to fade

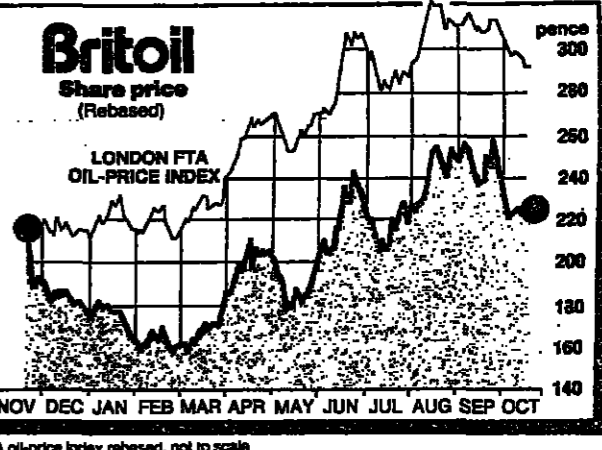
After almost a year of life as a private sector company, Britoil is slowly beginning to rehabilitate its image with the financial community. According to Mr Roy Dantzig, the company's finance director, the scars left by the unhappy circumstances of Britoil's flotation last November are beginning to heal and to be replaced by a more positive attitude from investors and the capital markets.

Not only are the shares trading regularly above the demanding issue price of 215p set by the then Secretary of State for Energy, Mr Nigel Lawson (after their initial plummet, the shares touched 250p at one point in the summer), but the company has also been able to complete a successful two-part restructuring of the debt in its balance sheet.

A \$100m Eurobond issue last month went so well that it was promptly increased by \$25m to meet the market demand, and the company followed it up by tying up a \$150m short-term borrowing facility on the New York commercial paper market.

Although Britoil has yet to raise any new money, which will be a real test of its financial standing, these modest debt restructuring moves have enabled it at least to lengthen the maturity of some of the debt it acquired in its old nationalized industry days and to test its creditworthiness in one of the world's most demanding credit markets.

The company is particularly pleased to have secured the top short-term paper credit ratings from Standard and Poors (A1+) and from Moody's, putting it in the top drawer of British blue-chip borrowers alongside such names as BP, Shell, Unilever and Bechtel. These moves are particularly interesting in the light of the bruising battle that Britoil waged with the Government last year over the form its balance sheet should take at the time of flotation, an argument that Britoil comprehensively lost in the face of Mr Lawson's post-Amersham determination to be seen to secure the best deal for the taxpayer.



FTA oil-price index rebased, not to scale

APPOINTMENTS Lord Limerick for De La Rue board

The De La Rue Company, the Earl of Limerick has joined the board. He is vice-chairman of Kleinwort Benson, and was, until earlier this year, chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board. Electra Risk Capital: Mr Jeremy Mackay-Lewis, senior partner of the Whitney Mackay-Lewis, has been appointed a non-executive director.

Radio West: Mr M. J. (Duke) Hussey has been elected chairman following the retirement of Professor Glyne Wickham. Tefal UK: Mr Steve Breeze has been made managing director. Hawker Siddeley Group: Sir James Hamilton has become a non-executive director.

Base Lending Rates table with columns for institution and rate. Includes ABN Bank, BCCI, Citibank Savings, etc.

Midland helps Brazil to meet IMF terms

By John Lawless. Midland Bank is helping Brazil to meet one of the main IMF conditions for its rescue package by arranging medium-term finance for its exporters. The deals it hopes to conclude next week - worth up to \$150m (£100m) for sales to countries - are minute compared with Brazil's total debt of \$90 billion. But they are providing a growing source of business for the trade finance house, Aval, which Midland acquired from Guinness Peat in July.

Mr Ian Guild, Aval's chief executive, who is to spend a week in Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo, said: 'We have already financed the sales of Brazilian cars part to the United States and West Germany.' Aval's expertise lies in financing a trade financing technique that has struggled to compete in recent years, though market conditions are said to have moved decidedly in its favour in the last 18 months.

WALL STREET

Table with columns for company names and stock prices. Includes AIG, Amstar, Amgen, etc.

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Fujitsu computers boom

Tokyo (AFP) - Fujitsu, Japan's top computer maker, is expecting a 19 per cent increase in sales and profits in the year ending next March. The company executives attribute this success to a booming demand for integrated circuits and large computers. They said yesterday that Fujitsu's operating profits would be about ¥75 billion, (215m) on sales of ¥960 billion in the current business year.

RACING: MIXED FORTUNES FOR TWO JOCKEYS

Dettori wins ban appeal

Gianfranco Dettori left Jockey Club headquarters in Portman Square a relieved man at 1.30 yesterday afternoon. The eight-day suspension for careless riding that was handed out to the ten times champion Italian jockey for his handling of Tolomeo in the Dubai Champion Stakes at Newmarket on October 15 has been lifted. This means that Dettori will be free to ride in a big race in Italy on Sunday.

Nottingham

Draw advantage: 5, 6f high numbers best. 1.15 REPTON STAKES (Apprentices: £1,250; 5f, 6f) (18 runners) 000040 AXROX LAD (M) (G) (Bye) M James 5-8-8 J Purchas 5 16 000000 AXROX LAD (M) (G) (Bye) M James 5-8-8 J Purchas 5 16

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Carson is in trouble again

While Carson, who has spent nearly a month out of action this season as a result of suspensions for careless riding, was yesterday reported to the stewards of the Jockey Club for that offence again on his return at Nottingham from a 22-day ban.

Switching to the National Hunt scene, Ron Barry, who had been champion jump jockey twice, is to receive, a testimonial. Peter Greenall, a director of the brewing firm of Creamall Whiteley and a former champion amateur National Hunt rider, is to organize and sponsor the testimonial.

Draw: no advantage. 1.30 KILTON STAKES (maiden; selling: 2597; 1m 4f) (10 runners) 2 0000 DUSTY PATH W Verdon 5-0-0 J Chernock 3 2 0000 THROCKMORAD B Verdon 4-0-0 P FAYAN 2 10 0000 GARY SHAW W Verdon 5-0-0 M Hills 7 10

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East Germany against spread of participation money

Andy Norman, the British official who is one of the most influential people in the new semi-professional world of international athletics, is advocating that Britain drops next year's matches against the Soviet Union and East Germany.

Michael Crawford, the Yorkshire chairman, said yesterday that the heat and insults of the newly-formed Yorkshire Members 1984 group had marked one of the saddest days in the history of the club.

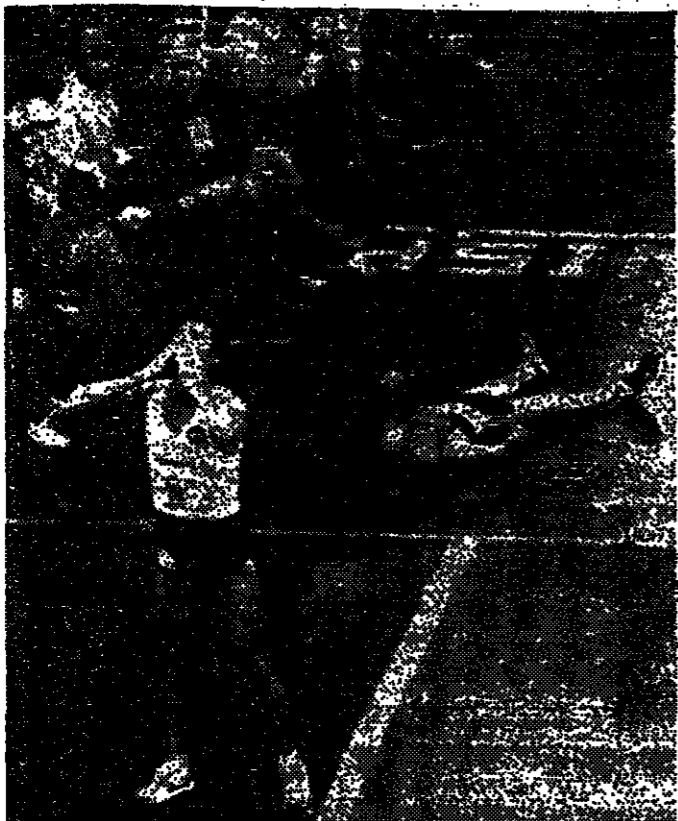
Pakistan anxiously await Lillee still a power in the land. Brisbane, (AFP) - Zaheer Abbas, the Pakistan vice-captain, is due to join the tour of cricket team in Adelaide on Thursday and is expected to lead the side in its first-class match against South Australia on Friday.

Speedwell's pride dented by Scots. Speedwell Rucator, the English leader of the British team, was defeated at the hands of the Scottish counterparts, MIM, in the friendly match which is in effect the unofficial British championship.

Optimism grows at Bramley. There are renewed hopes that Bramley may be saved from extinction within the next few weeks. David Oxley, the Secretary General of the Rugby League, said yesterday that the situation was looking brighter although Bramley have already been forced to postpone next weekend's fixture with Huddersfield.

Boone has edge over young Male. The Manchester Golf Racquet tournament last weekend attracted a high proportion of younger talent. The Racquets' singles final provided the eagerly awaited appearance in the final of a clearly wanting 19-year-old Radcliffe named as H.K. Foster Cup winner of 1980 and 1981, who has just returned from an English Speaking Union world scholarship in the United States.

MARATHON



Kisses from the victor (Rod Dixon) and gasps from the vanquished (Geoff Smith) at the New York marathon.

British distance men may find some comfort in the pain

By Pat Butcher

Geoff Smith, the former Liverpool fireman, currently at college in the United States, maintained the great British tradition of high placings in the New York City Marathon on Sunday, and only just failed to become the first foreign athlete to win the men's race since it began 14 years ago.

Patterson's footwork

New York (AP) - Floyd Patterson, the former world heavyweight champion, ran the fastest marathon of his career in New York on Sunday, clocking 3hr, 35min, 27sec. It was the first marathon in the United States for Patterson, aged 48, who had run three previous marathons in Sweden.

BOXING

Wallace out of European title fight

By Srikanth Sasi

Britain's world ranked flyweight, Keith Wallace, has had to drop out of his European title bout with the champion, Antoine Montera, of France, at the Bloomsbury Cross Hotel on November 2 because of the death of his father, Frank Warren, the promoter.



Wallace: bereaved.

Warren has had to rearrange the card and it is a tribute to the fighting power of Wallace that the promoter needed to call on named fighters to prop up the show. Noel Quarless, the young man who appears to have been a knockout with television viewers after his one round demolition job on the unbeaten Swede, Anders Eklund, gets his big chance as he takes on John E. Gardner, the former British and European heavyweight champion.

SQUASH

Miss Cogswell beaten

Perth, Western Australia: Reuters. - Sue Cogswell, of England, the fifth seed, suffered one of the worst defeats of her career here yesterday when she was bundled out of the second round of the women's world championship by Heather Wallace, of Scotland.

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Diplomats scramble for planes to evacuate foreigners in Grenada

From Christopher Thomas, Bridgetown

Attempts were being made yesterday by British, American and Canadian authorities to repatriate foreign nationals from the beleaguered Caribbean island of Grenada.

holidayers who want to leave. Airline officials have been desperately trying to find somebody of authority in the Barbados Government to tell them if they could fly to Grenada after the decision by the Caribbean Community the previous night to ban flights to the island. Barbados was party to that decision.

Mr David Montgomery, the British Deputy High Commissioner to Barbados, who was allowed on the island on Saturday and Sunday, said he had found Grenada "like a ghost island".

Howe shares MPs' doubts on British forces

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But he wanted an assurance that the Government was "considering the wisdom of continuing to make a contribution to this force."

Relief in Beirut at US pledge on marines

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What made these words so chilling was that they did appear to come from the movement that organized the bombing. While the Americans and French suspect that both Syria and Iran had a hand in the attacks, they believe the suicide bombers were Lebanese Shia Muslims sympathetic to Iranian Shiism.

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Frank Johnson in the Commons Serenity, in shades of green

On, then, to the start of a new parliamentary year. As always, on the first day's sitting after the long recess, the atmosphere was of new beginnings. Members wandered in, greeting one another. The chamber had a new green carpet. The Labour Opposition had a new green leader. Both will be much walked over in the months that lie ahead. But yesterday both looked clean and bright.

Mr Kinnock was continuing to enjoy what it is customary to refer to as the honeymoon phase of his leadership. He and his opponents eyed one another almost benignly. Within a short time, harsh words will be said on both sides. But yesterday, for what would surely prove to be all too brief a period, he and the Parliamentary Labour Party refrained from making party political points against one another.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements
The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh dine with the High Commissioner for India and Shriamul Muhammad at Kensington Palace Gardens, 8.15.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,269

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TV top ten

National top ten television programmes in the week ending October 16:

- 1 Coronation Street (Mon), Granada, 16.20m
- 2 Family Fortunes, Central, 13.60m
- 3 The Bill, BBC, 12.50m
- 4 The A-Z in the Family, Thames, 13.10m
- 5 The Maccabees and Wise Show, Thames, 12.50m
- 6 The News, BBC, 12.45m
- 7 The Saturday Night Takeaway, BBC, 12.70m
- 8 Give Us a Clue, Thames, 12.60m
- 9 The News, BBC, 12.50m
- 10 Game for a Laugh, LWT, 12.50m

Roads

London and South-East: A282: Roadwork S of Dartford Tunnel under Blue Star roundabout. A25: Gully-cleaning on Guildford Road between Abinger Hammer and Westcott, suggesting alternative route. A4085: Only one lane each way at Neasden Lane/Blackbird Hill.

Weather forecast

The anticyclone over S Britain will slowly move SE into the Continent while troughs of low pressure cross N Britain.

6 am to midnight

London, East Angles, SE, Central S England, Midlands, Channel Islands: Frost early and late, dry, sunny periods after mist or fog patches clear; wind variable, light; max temp 11 to 13C (52 to 55F).

MOON TODAY

Pressure is shown in millibars. FRONT WARM (Cyclonic) and COLD (Anticyclonic) systems are advancing across the country.

High tides

Location	AM	PM
London Bridge	4.58	7.12
Aberdeen	2.48	4.32
Ammanford	5.56	8.17
Cardiff	5.40	8.00
Dunfermline	6.52	9.01
Falmouth	6.52	9.01
Glasgow	6.52	9.01
Harwich	6.52	9.01
Hull	6.52	9.01
Leamington	6.52	9.01
Leeds	6.52	9.01
London	6.52	9.01
Manchester	6.52	9.01
Newcastle	6.52	9.01
Nottingham	6.52	9.01
Sheffield	6.52	9.01
Southampton	6.52	9.01
Stirling	6.52	9.01
Swansea	6.52	9.01
Tees	6.52	9.01
Wolverhampton	6.52	9.01

Charity cards

Christmas cards sold on behalf of 30 national charities by the Charity Christmas Card Council are now available from Bishopsgate Institute, 230 Bishopsgate, Monday to Friday 10 to 5.30.

Anniversaries

Birth: Thomas Babington Macaulay, Baron Macaulay, historian and politician, Ridley Temple, Leicestershire, 1800; Richard Benjamin, painter, Arnold, near Nottingham, 1801; Johann Strauss, composer of the Blue Danube waltz, Vienna, 1825; Georges Bizet, composer, Paris, 1838; Pablo Picasso, Málaga, Spain, 1881; Richard Byrd, explorer, Winchester, Virginia, 1888; Deaths: Geoffrey Chaucer, London, 1400; Sir Charles Hallé, pianist and conductor, Manchester, 1895; Frederick William Bofie ("Baron Corvo"), writer (Brazilian Green), Venice, 1913; Beatrix of Agnesfort, 413. English and French forces defeated the Russians at Balachava, 1854.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Tennyson's Right to (Scotland) Bill, second reading. Lords (2.15): Debate on defence estimates.

Age research auction

The Foundation for Age Research is appealing for documents, letters, diaries or photographs that offer life forgotten in the cellars, attics, drawers, safes, and dead boxes of country mansions, cottages, bank vaults, solicitors' offices, warehouses or other buildings. The money raised will be used to finance research in the hope of making retirement healthier and happier.

The pound

Country	Bank	Rate
Australia S	Bank	1.69
Austria S	Bank	26.60
Belgium Fr	Bank	33.25
Canada S	Bank	1.90
Denmark Kr	Bank	14.70
France F	Bank	6.55
Germany DM	Bank	12.28
Greece Dr	Bank	157.00
Hongkong S	Bank	11.80
Ireland Pt	Bank	1.30
Italy Lira	Bank	2455.00
Japan Yen	Bank	366.00
Netherlands Gld	Bank	4.56
Norway Kr	Bank	11.43
Portugal Esc	Bank	195.00
South Africa Rd	Bank	1.82
Spain Pta	Bank	234.50
Sweden Kr	Bank	12.13
Switzerland Fr	Bank	3.30
USA S	Bank	1.54

Lighting-up time

London 5.10 pm to 8.12 am
Edinburgh 5.20 pm to 8.25 am
Manchester 5.20 pm to 8.25 am
Preston 5.20 pm to 8.25 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: a, about 1; b, 1; c, 1; d, 1; e, 1; f, 1; g, 1; h, 1; i, 1; j, 1; k, 1; l, 1; m, 1; n, 1; o, 1; p, 1; q, 1; r, 1; s, 1; t, 1; u, 1; v, 1; w, 1; x, 1; y, 1; z, 1.

Environment debate

The World Wildlife Fund - UK and the National Association for Environmental Education invite British secondary schools to enter "the greatest debate", a discussion of environmental issues organized as part of the British response to the World Conservation Strategy. Each school will be asked to submit a 1,500-word report on their discussions, those submitting the 10 best reports will receive £200 gift vouchers for an environmental library. Entries must be submitted by February 24, 1984. Details and project kits from the Education Department, World Wildlife Fund, Panda House, 11-13 Oakfield Road, Godalming, Surrey GU7 1QU, (04863) 20351.

Around Britain

City	Temp	Wind	Cloud
London	10.2	SW	100
Edinburgh	10.2	SW	100
Manchester	10.2	SW	100
Preston	10.2	SW	100

Abroad

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